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GENERAL WAVELL STRIKES AT GRAZIANI

Show Must Go On!

Marshal Badoglio, deposed commander of Italy's armed forces, yesterday paid Mussolini a farewell visit and they had "a cordial talk," according to the official Italian news agency.

Mussolini has posthumously awarded the Gold Medal of Military Valour to Marshal Balbo. Announcing the award, Mussolini speaks of Marshal Balbo as "the faithful soldier of the Duce" who made "the supreme sacrifice of his heroic life while preparing to hurl his gallant troops and powerful air squadrons across the frontier."—Reuter.

GERMANY AND THE GREEK WAR

Germany desires to liquidate the Italo-Greek conflict as soon as possible, wrote the Rome correspondent of the Yugoslav newspaper "Politika" yesterday.

The correspondent adds, however, that Rome newspapers continue to insist that the Italians will themselves liquidate "the war against England now being waged on the Greek front."

Another Rome correspondent declares "the problem of eventual German help has not even come into question."—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BALANCE SHEET

SIR FREDERICK PHILLIPS, UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE BRITISH TREASURY, CANCELLED THE APPOINTMENT AT THE UNITED STATES TREASURY IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE HAD MADE FOR YESTERDAY.

Cancellation, according to Treasury officials, was apparently because he had not yet completed the data which he wished to present in continuation of Friday's discussions.

Next conference is expected to be held to-day.—Reuter.

RUMANIA DROPS BLOOD-HUNT

The Rumanian commission of enquiry into the "crimes committed against the Iron Guard" during the previous regime has been dissolved because "all instigators of these crimes are either dead or have fled the country," stated a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

Last of the men against whom the commission had proceeded were massacred by Iron Guard extremists in Jiliva Prison a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW TANK CHIEF

Attainment on a definite stage in the policy of rapidly increasing the armoured strength of the British Army is marked by a new appointment, namely, Commander of the Royal Armoured Corps.

First occupant of the post, whose appointment was announced in London yesterday, will be Major-General Giffard le Quesne-Martel. He served on the Staff of the Tank Corps in the last war and has been Deputy Director of Mechanisation at the War Office.

It was also officially announced yesterday that Lt. Gen. Alexander, who served with distinction in France and Belgium during the present war and was in command of the B.E.F. during the last days of the evacuation from Dunkirk, is now appointed to the Southern Command.

He replaces General Auchinleck, whose appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was recently notified.—Reuter.

Large-Scale Operations Started Round Sidi Barrani

THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT YESTERDAY BEGAN OPERATIONS ON A SCALE LARGER THAN ANY YET INITIATED IN AFRICA SINCE THE START OF THE WAR, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Our troops were directed mainly against the Italians' right flank, along the top of the escarpment some 15 or 20 miles south of Sidi Barrani, Marshal Graziani's advanced base on the coast some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border.

Little can be said at present about the extent to which the operations may develop but it is known that for the past few weeks the whole of the enemy's forward line has been constantly probed by British armoured units making repeated sorties.

It is reasonable to suppose that if our forward units are able to capture positions commanding the escarpment they will be able to threaten the body of the Italian army entrenched in the coastal belt.

Following the Italian debacle in Albania it is evident that the moment has been well chosen to make Graziani fight.

In Initial Stage

The operation is still in its initial stage and it would be premature to discuss the ultimate possibilities of yesterday's successful engagement in full.

Nevertheless it is permissible to wonder what would be the effect of an Italian defeat at the present moment in this theatre of the war on Italy's war effort.

Reuter in London last night learned that the Western Desert operation is "of some importance," but that the full details have not yet been received in London.

500 Prisoners Taken

So far the only communications on the developments have been issued in Cairo; the communique says a bag of 500 Italian prisoners has been secured by the British in operations in the Western Desert.

The prisoners, says the communique, were taken in an engagement south of Sidi Barrani.

Advance elements of the British forces, states our G.H.Q., are now in contact with the Italians on "a broad front."

In the Sudan, British patrols continued extensive activities in the Gallabat area and British artillery again successfully attacked and engaged enemy targets.

Operations Extending

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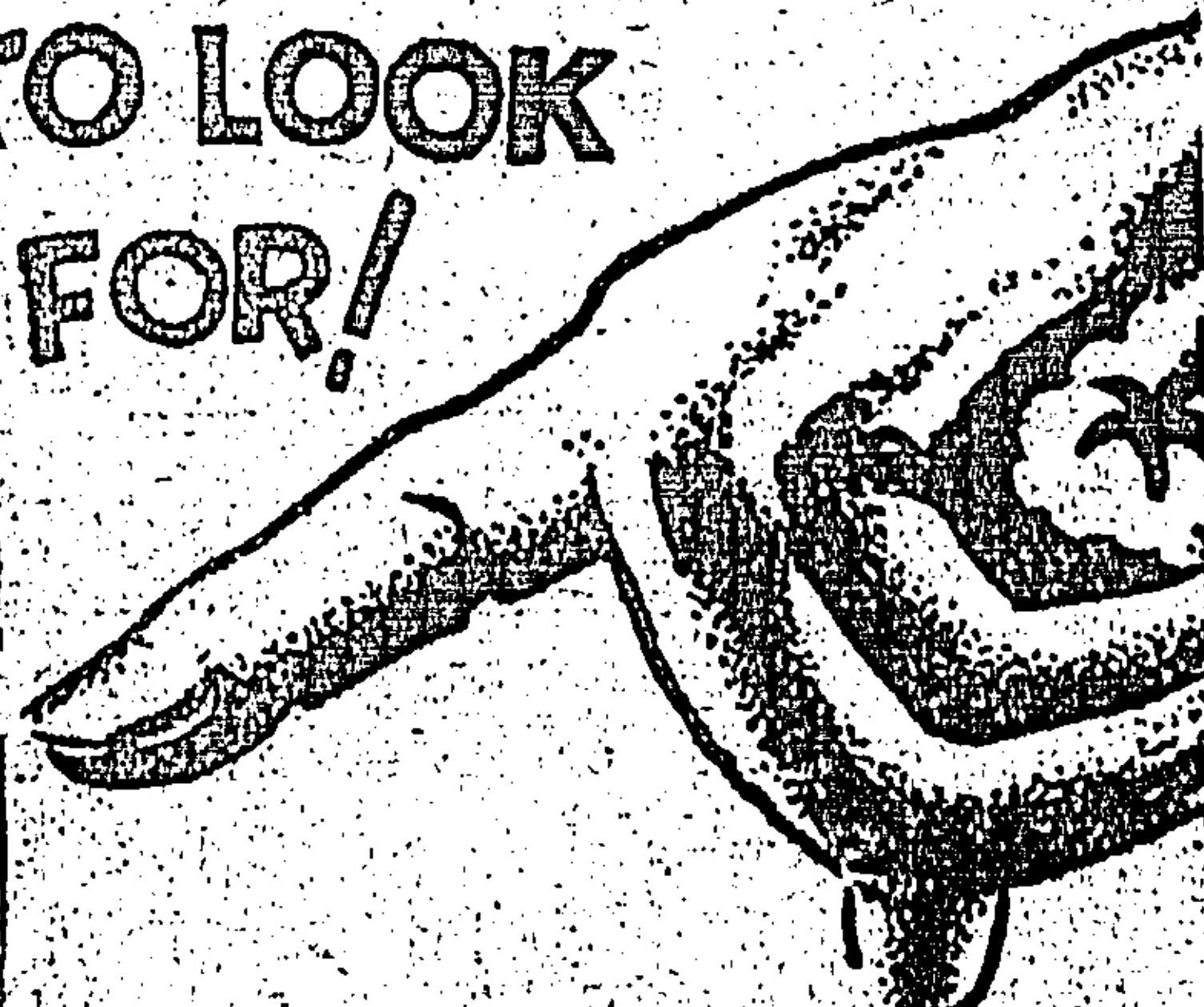
BRAZILIAN GESTURE

THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT CHARGES D'AFFAIRES TO NORWAY, HOLLAND AND POLAND, IN LONDON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The decision may be regarded as an extremely friendly gesture by Brazil to Britain.

This is the first visible outcome of the Willingdon Mission's visit to Brazil, and shows the sympathy which one of the largest South American nations feels for Britain in her struggle against the Dictators.—Reuter.

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These were two of a number of striking statements on Japan's future foreign policy since she signed the Three-Power Pact and made yesterday by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, to foreign journalists in a talk lasting over an hour and a half.

"We thank the West for many of the things we have imported but we regret we imported some greedy notions, too," declared Mr. Matsuoka.

Deplores Ideas of Conquest Borrowed From The West!

"There is in this country a group of people enamoured of Western ideas of conquest but thoughtful and responsible sections of public opinion are fighting against it."

"Should these ideas of conquest prevail, Japan could be said to have failed in her effort to construct a new order in East Asia."

While emphasising Japan's loyalty to the Three-Power Pact with Germany and Italy, Mr. Matsuoka said he hoped Japan would be able to keep out of the European conflict.

Conciliatory Mood

He disclaimed any aggressive intentions towards the Netherlands East Indies, expressed hope for American "understanding" in the maintenance of the

status quo in "the South Seas region," Mr. Matsuoka said changes were constantly taking place in a troubled world.

"Some of these changes are so sudden that Japan certainly has no intention of impeding them."

"Japan has no territorial ambitions," he continued. "She is helping her neighbours in greater Asia so that all peoples in this part of the world will be free to determine their own destinies."

"We are against the conquest and exploitation of East Asiatic countries, whether by Japan or any other nation."

Three Power Pact

After making the statement cited at the beginning of the interview regarding the Three-Power Pact, Mr. Matsuoka added: "Essentially the pact is a peace treaty intended to prevent other powers joining in the European war or the China affair."

Asked how the pact would be applied if the United States became involved in the European war, Mr. Matsuoka replied, "The signatories of the pact would be called on to consult together as to whether the case came under the provisions of Article III."

"I hope such an eventuality will never occur."

Mr. Matsuoka added that ever serious differences between Japan and the United States should "never lead to a fatal clash as to precipitate the catastrophe of war if only both of us mind our own business."

Foolish To Fight

"We hope and pray we may reach a better understanding. I would be foolish for Japan and the United States to fight."

"If we keep our heads the existing differences are not great enough to lead to war."—Reuter.

WANG REGIME TO ISSUE NEW NOTES

The Nanking regime is issuing its own currency on Jan. 15, according to a Trans-Ocean report from Nanking to-day, but will continue to recognise Chungking Government notes for a certain period, after which Chungking notes will be exchanged at par for Nanking notes and the former declared valueless in occupied territory. — Reuter.

Only One More To Go!

The London Press yesterday was not slow to comment on the recent whole-sale resignations of Italian officers.

Typical, perhaps, was the "Daily Sketch," which printed a photograph on its front page.

The photograph shows Mussolini with three former leaders — Admiral Cagiano, Badoglio and Marshal Balbo (who was mysteriously killed in an air accident last June) — bears the caption "Only one more to go!"

Several other British papers yesterday said that the removal of the one other will prove the only permanent settlement of Italy's differences.

"Signor Mussolini is alive to his own danger," commented the "Manchester Guardian."

"He knows what secret questions are being whispered among the Italian people" — Reuter.

FLANDIN TO OUST LAVAL? VICHY RAT CONTEST

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY suggests that M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, has been losing ground lately, both with the Germans and Marshal Petain.

The Germans feel he is not making rapid enough progress in his policy of bringing France into line with the Axis, or rather with German plans for a new order, because Italy does not appear to have been consulted about this move.

Indeed, it is chiefly at Italy's expense that Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is trying to win France over to complete subversion.

Probably with a view to bringing extra pressure on Laval, the Germans are conniving at bringing about the admission of M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin into the French Cabinet.

It will be recalled that the first time Laval went to Paris he was kept waiting while the German Commissioner, Otto Abetz, saw M. Flandin.

Another String

It would be in keeping with German methods to have another string to their bow in Flandin, who would seem to be prepared to outbid Laval for German favours.

Marshal Petain seems to be showing some firmness in resisting Laval and for the moment seems to have checked the trend towards a complete understanding with Germany.

His attitude has undoubtedly been strengthened by growing discontent in unoccupied France as a result of the increasing hardships of the population.

Penury And Distress

There is general penury and distress and the Germans are unable or unwilling to do anything to relieve the situation, while the fact that the holding of nearly two million French soldiers as hostages is a source of bitter animosity and humiliation in a correspond-

ing number of French households. It was a clever stroke of Marshal Petain to send General Weygand to Morocco, to be out of reach of immediate pressure. It leaves the back door open through which is the possibility of ultimate escape.

With Italy's war potential practically paralysed by the hammer blows of Greece, backed by the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., the French armies in Algeria and Morocco might yet be called upon to play an important role in the restoration of France. — Reuter.

CANADIAN AIRMEN JOIN UNITS

THE R.A.F. YESTERDAY WELCOMED MORE CANADIAN AIRMEN WHEN A FRESH CONTINGENT ARRIVED AT A BRITISH PORT YESTERDAY.

These Canadians were trained in the empire air training scheme and are fully qualified pilots and craftsmen. They will join R.A.F. units in various parts of the country.

All said that they were "itching to get at Jerry." To whatever unit they may be sent, it is almost certain that they will find a lot of Canadians and men from the Dominions who have all ready hit the enemy hard in bombers or fighters. — Reuter.

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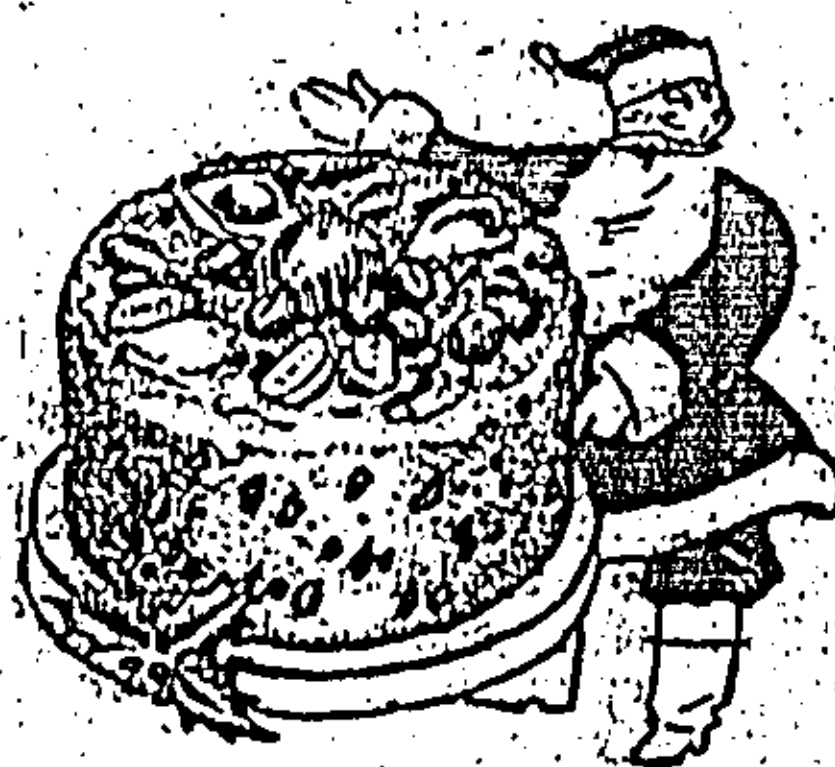
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STIFFER ITALIAN RESISTANCE

Greeks Advancing Cautiously Against The Flanks

Bayonet Charges In Battle For Argyrokastron

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEKS ARE ADVANCING CAUTIOUSLY TOWARDS CHIMARRA, 22 MILES WEST OF ARGYROKASTRON, ON THE COAST BETWEEN SANTI QUARANTA AND VALONA, IT WAS STATED IN ATHENS LAST EVENING.

GREEK LOSSES SMALL

Argyrokastron, whose capture by the Greeks was officially announced on Sunday, has only been slightly damaged and the Greeks have taken large quantities of Italian equipment there.

A correspondent who entered the town on the heels of the Greek infantry troops says that earlier reports describing the town as almost completely devastated by fire are greatly exaggerated.

Greek losses in the operations leading up to the fall of Argyrokastron have been small, he reports.

One expedient forced on the Italians was the use of tanks to protect their retreating troops, but even this was unsuccessful against the courage and tenacity of the Greeks.

The Greeks are not resting on their laurels and the latest reports state that they are maintaining contact with the retreating Italians and continually harassing them. — Reuter.

"AUSTRIANS ARE NOT ENEMIES"

"Pinnricks" because she is an enemy subject — although "Austrians are not your enemies" — were referred to in two long messages written by Felicy Anny Wilhelm, a twenty-seven-year-old Austrian woman, accused at Maidenhead, Berks, of trying to commit suicide by gassing herself.

In one passage Wilhelm wrote: "My nerves are at breaking point. If I were to wait perhaps I would see Austria again free. I wish you victory. I am not your enemy." It was stated that Wilhelm, a journalist in her own country and now working as a domestic servant, came to Britain in February, 1939.

She was put on probation for twelve months and allowed to resume her employment at Cookham, Berks.

PUT FLEX IN MOUTH, KILLED

A baby pushed a steel pin into the flex of an electric kettle, then put the flex into her mouth and was electrocuted.

That was the theory at the inquest at Blytheswater, Beds, on Barbara Frances Tucker, aged twenty-one months, daughter of an east-end wharf superintendent.

The child had been evacuated to Blytheswater with her mother. It was stated that the steel pin was found near the child. From the marks on her hands and lips it was assumed that she placed the pin into the end of the lead and put it to her mouth, thus completing the circuit.

The movement threatens the flank of the Italians who are withdrawing northward from Santi Quaranta.

Reports received in Athens indicate that the Italian rearguards are stubbornly resisting the Greek push and are employing tactics designed to draw on small detachments of Greeks which would be vulnerable to counter-attack.

A cavalry screen has been thrown out by the Greeks in order to counter this plan.

Bitter fighting is raging in the centre of the present 80-mile-long front where Italian resistance is reported as being very fierce.

Indication of the actual situation, however, is seen in orders found in the possession of an Italian officer captured at Premeti, instructing him to shoot any Italian who "unnecessarily retired."

Hard Fighting

Details only just available of the Greek capture of Argyrokastron show that the success was achieved only after hard fighting in the suburbs of the town during the night.

Finally a bayonet charge by the Greeks in the early hours of the morning dislodged the Italians from their positions and bedraggled, weary and triumphant, the Greeks staged a victory march through the town during a heavy downpour of rain and sleet.

Many advance detachments of Greeks are not well supplied with food and in Argyrokastron it was found that the Italians had destroyed food and ammunition.

Much war material, however, was left intact. Meanwhile all Greece has been celebrating this latest victory.

Resurrection Kiss

In Ephrus, people have been giving each other the "Resurrection Kiss," usually reserved for Easter Sunday morning.

In bomb-scarred Salonika people gathered in the blacked-out streets singing patriotic songs.

There were shouts of "The Dodecanese" and women cried "Into the sea with the Macaronides." — Reuter.

PORTER AS 'MIDWIFE' ON PLATFORM

A young porter and a station inspector acted as "midwives" when a baby was born to Mrs. Constance Bruce of Albert Road, Ilford, Essex, on the platform at Ilford Station.

Mrs. Bruce had just boarded a train for Sheffield when she pulled the communication cord. A few minutes later her baby, a girl, was born.

After she had received attention she was taken to hospital in an ambulance, and the porter, carrying the baby wrapped in a tea-cloth, followed her. Mother and baby are doing well. The porter was too bashful to speak of his experience.

EXECUTION IN BORDEAUX

The German-controlled Paris Radio yesterday announced that a French wine-merchant had been executed at Bordeaux for "committing an act of violence against a member of the German armed forces."

This is the latest of many indications from French wireless stations of the extent of the resistance to the Germans in occupied France.

Lyons Radio yesterday again spoke of the secret printing places in Paris and of the wide distribution of patriotic pamphlets. The German press and radio spoke of the "foolishness of resistance" and again went for the students of Paris (who, it will be recalled, staged a riot on Armistice Day).

These students form a useful scapegoat for the Nazis who can abuse them without admitting the wide-spread nature of the anti-German and anti-Vichy sentiment in France. — Reuter.

PRINTING PRESS FOR RUMANIA

GERMANY CAN SEND UNLIMITED EFFECTIVES INTO RUMANIA SINCE THE NUMBER OF SUCH EFFECTIVES IN RUMANIA IS NOT LIMITED BY ANY CLAUSE IN THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN PACT SIGNED IN BERLIN DURING THE VISIT OF GENERAL ANTON-ESCU, ACCORDING TO THE ISTANBUL CORRESPONDENT OF THE FREE FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The correspondent adds that the National Bank of Rumania has ordered a new printing press from Germany to increase the country's technical capacity for printing notes as the present capacity of 90 million lei daily is insufficient to meet new extraordinary expenses due to the territorial amputations, the recent earthquakes and the German occupation. — Reuter.



Lieutenant R. B. Wood, R.N.V.R., and his bride, Miss Isabella Joan Seath, daughter of Mr. W. P. Seath of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, photographed after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. (King's Studio).

CONSTABLE CHARGED

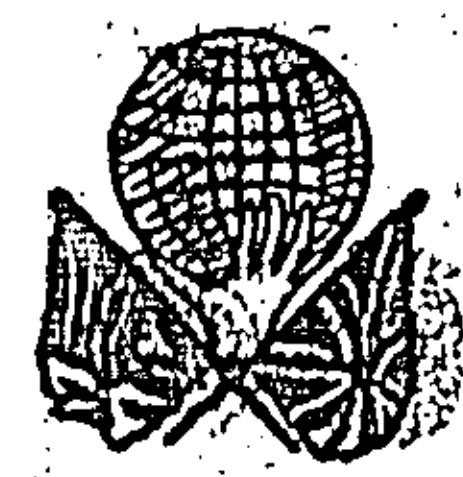
A police constable was charged the Chief Constable. He denied under the Defence Regulations at all knowledge of the theft but Portsmouth with stealing a fur after a visit to his home he made cape from premises damaged by a signed statement admitting the enemy action.

He is Arthur Elmar Beeson, twenty-three, of Portsmouth Police, living at Lennox Mansions, Clarence Road, Southsea. Superintendent W. N. Wilson, Deputy Chief Constable, said that Beeson was questioned by today.

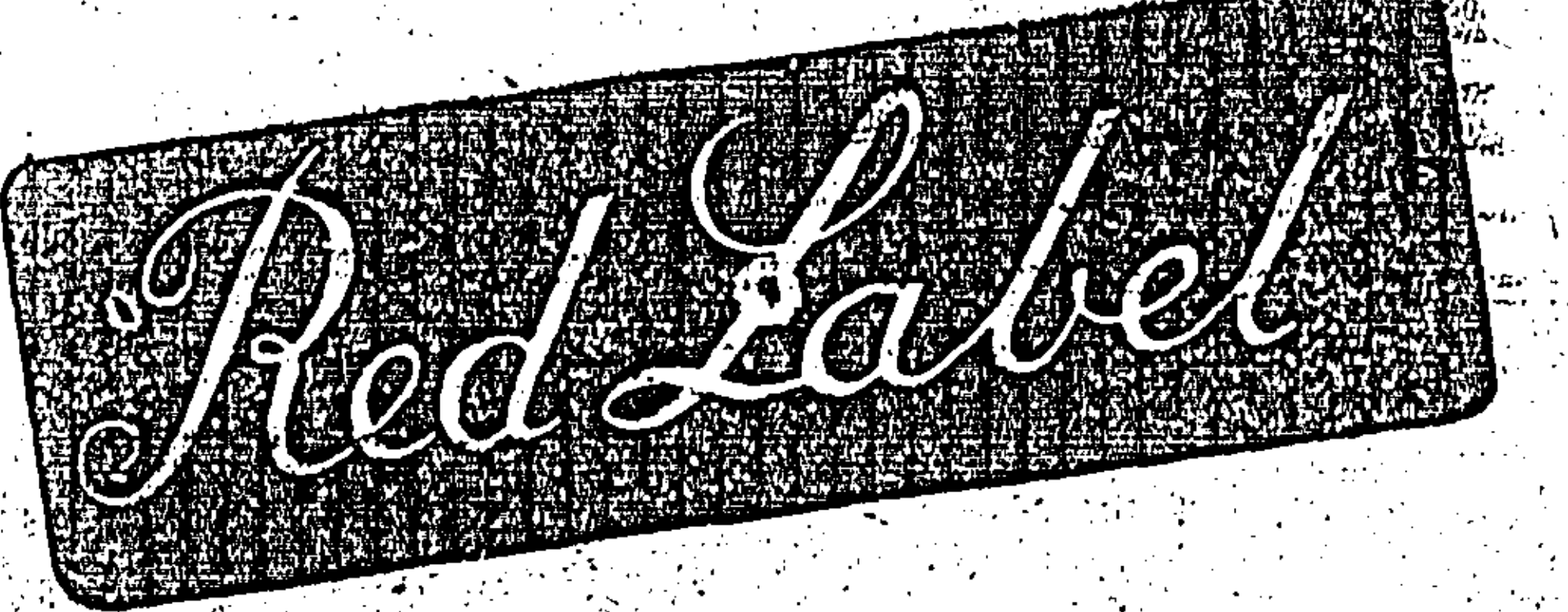
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AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN VICHY

AMERICAN POLICY towards France was stated by well-informed circles in Washington yesterday to be threefold:—

Firstly, to make it widely known that American friendship would be sacrificed in the event of French military collaboration with Germany;

Secondly, to give some tangible evidence of goodwill, for example, the distribution of milk for French children and medical supplies for French sick;

Thirdly, to strengthen the French colonies and enable them better to resist M. Laval's efforts to induce them to join any arrangements to assist Germany.

It is now generally accepted in Washington that the appointment of Admiral William Leahy as Ambassador to Vichy is at least partly designed to strengthen the influence of Marshal Petain at the expense of the Axis-minded Laval.

North Africa Trip

Now comes a report that Mr. Robert Murphy, newly-appointed Counsellor of Embassy to Vichy, will visit North Africa en route, ostensibly to examine conditions there, but he will doubtless see General Weyand and discuss the economic needs of the North African colonies.

According to another report Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State recently had placed before General Weyand such a firm statement of policy that Weyand was quite astonished, this indicating he had not been adequately or accurately informed by his colleagues in Vichy.

Economic Warfare

It is reported in Washington that the French press under M. Laval has sedulously spread the idea that America favours the new order in Europe, and Admiral Leahy is expected to take every opportunity to make the American position clear.

It is thought the United States may approach the British economic war authorities in regard to allowing milk for French children and medical supplies for the sick through the blockade, if it can be ensured that the Germans cannot divert these supplies.—Reuter.

COUNCIL DISPUTE WITH COMMITTEE

Reeth (Yorks) District Council has accepted the resignation of the local Billeting Committee and rescinded a motion that all persons refusing to accept billeting notice would be prosecuted.

It was also decided to postpone summonses on four people who were alleged to have refused to billet evacuees.

The decisions followed a letter from the billeting committee alleging that the council had failed to carry out its duties in enforcing the law.

Two members of the council will act as voluntary helpers to the chief billeting officers until a new committee is appointed.

DIED TRYING TO GET CUP OF TEA

An Essex woman left her shelter during a lull in a night raid to make a cup of tea and was killed by a bomb which crashed on her house.

She was Mrs. Wright, and her husband and four of their children who were in the shelter escaped with their lives.

A fifth child, eight-year-old David Wright, was suffocated in the shelter when the mattress on which he was lying turned over on top of him.

Five other bombs dropped in the vicinity causing several casualties.

UNDER-5'S FIRST

"Any country that does not care about its small children might as well pack up," declared Mr. J. B. Priestley in a broadcast appeal on behalf of the "under fives."

It was a combined appeal for the Save the Children Fund, the National Society of Day Nurseries, the Nursery Schools Association of Great Britain and the National Council of Maternity and Child Welfare.

"Hurricanes, Spitfires, bombers, tanks, battleships—these are all very fine; a wall of steel around our ancient liberties," he said.

"But unless within that wall the babies and small children are doing well, on the way to becoming healthy, sensible citizens, it is all nonsense."

The little "under five" had come into a world where everybody was busy and every now and then there were terrible wailings of sirens and banging of guns and bombs.

"If we are not fighting this war on behalf of our small children, what on earth are we fighting it for?" he asked.

FIRE WATCH MADE COMPULSORY

Fire watching has been made compulsory by the Ministry of Home Security.

Watchers must be present at all times in all premises in which more than thirty persons work or in any premises the whole or any part of which is used as a warehouse of greater capacity than 50,000 cubic ft., and any saw mill or timber yard containing more than 50,000 cubic ft. of timber.

The order does not apply to a warehouse when it is empty, or to premises which form part of any mine or quarry.

During a fire attack or an air raid warning, the fire watcher must be in readiness to attack an outbreak of fire and summon assistance, and to use such fire fighting appliances as may be available.

SOLDIERS' PAY HINTS

Almost all delays in the receipt of soldiers' allowances are due to one of two causes; failure on the part of the soldiers to fill up the necessary forms correctly, or failure on the part of the orderly room of his unit to make a proper return to the regimental paymaster quickly.

These were the conclusions reached at a conference at York and several "do's" and "don'ts" were then suggested for soldiers and their wives.

"Don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange clerk when you register, or the recruiting officer, that you are married or wish to apply for dependant allowance," said the Command Paymaster of the Northern Command.

Promise To Mother

"If you get married after registering and before you are called up, don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange at which you registered."

"If you promised your mother to give her an allotment, don't forget to fill up the form."

"Never send marriage or birth certificates without a securely fixed note giving full particulars, including regimental number and regiment."

"Always notify immediately any change of address, any change in domestic circumstances, and the arrival of a new child."

"Remember that increased compulsory allotment consequent upon promotion is not payable until the end of the probationary period, which may be from three to twelve months."

"Most important of all is to remember to quote the regimental number and name of the regiment in all correspondence."

LET OFF: HELMET WAS GIFT

William Philpott, garage proprietor, accused at a North-Western police court of failing to report the finding of a German flying helmet and moving it from the scene of a crash, was let off on his plea that the helmet was a gift from the pilot.

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JEW SUSS FLEES IN WOMAN'S DRESS

LION ("JEW SUSS") FEUCHTWANGER, aged fifty-six, writer of tales of human tragedy and falling empires, has arrived in New York to end a flight across Europe as exciting and fantastic as anything in his novels.

Small, frail and insignificant, he did not look as if he had a great story to tell when he stepped off among all the baggage and bustle from an American liner, the Excalibur.

But in faltering English Feuchtwanger, who is a German Jew, told how he escaped from a French internment camp after the armistice and fled to safety disguised as a woman.

He went to France when Hitler came to power, and there he wrote bitter pamphlets against the despoilers of his homeland and persecutors of his race.

Weekly Bathe

When the Germans marched into France he was No. 1 on the "Must be killed" list. He was arrested in May, after hiding in the Pyrenees and sent to a concentration camp at Nimes.

Feuchtwanger was permitted to bathe once a week in the river near the camp. "It was during this weekly glimpse of freedom," he said, "that I gained my freedom."

"A young American smuggled me woman's clothes. I took them in a bundle to the river.

"While I was bathing I managed to change under the water. Then I dashed to a car which was waiting at the water's edge and we drove away.

"The French guards halted us. The driver said we were American citizens, and that the woman had just fallen into the river. The guards stepped back and we drove to freedom."

Existence in the French camp, said Feuchtwanger, was on an animal level.

"Food and water were at a premium, and there was no provision for sanitation."

After his escape from Nimes Feuchtwanger hid for six weeks in a French city. He never went into the street, never looked out from the windows.

At last Mrs. Feuchtwanger managed, through the help of friends, to join him. To get to Lisbon they obtained false passports and papers of safe conduct, again through the efforts of the unnamed American. And at midnight they were smuggled across the border.

NO MOTIVE MURDER CASE

Homeless Stanley Edward Cole, aged twenty-three, a wood machinist, has been sent for trial at the Old Bailey accused of murdering a married woman—a crime for which the prosecution could suggest no motive.

The woman was Mrs. Doris Eugenia Girl, aged twenty-nine, of Hartfield-crescent, Wimbledon, found dead at her home with a stab wound in the back. Cole was wearing a blue open neck sports shirt when he appeared in the dock at Wimbledon yesterday. Told he could sit down, he said: "I prefer to stand."

Mr. Vincent Evans prosecuting, said Cole was unmarried. Mrs. Girl was the wife of a man serving with a balloon barrage. She had one child, a girl of eight.

Cole and the woman were on quite friendly terms. Mr. Girl also appeared to have been on friendly terms with Cole.

Confessed, Say Police

There seemed evidence that when the husband was away Cole slept on a sofa in the kitchen. When the husband came home on leave Cole slept at the house at Mr. Girl's request. About 12.40 a.m. on August 23, said Mr. Evans, Cole staggered up against the door at Wimbledon Police Station.

He said: "I've killed a woman at Hartfield-crescent." He started to sob and said: "I stabbed her in the back. Why did I do it?"

When police went to the house they found the woman lying on her back on the floor. A carving knife was still in the wound.

Cole made a statement in which he said: "I picked up a knife from the table and stabbed her in the back. It ran through her like running through butter."

Mr. Evans said the prosecution were unable to suggest any motive. There was evidence of quarrels, but there was nothing to suggest that they had had a quarrel that night. There was no sign of any struggle. There was no sign of any struggle. Cole appeared to have stabbed the woman without warning.

SOVIET IS LENIENT

The Soviet authorities are reported to be adopting a more lenient attitude towards the Polish population of White Russia and the Western Ukraine. Many imprisoned Poles have been freed.

The pro-German Ukrainian, Hetman Skoropadski, is now in Cracow, in German-occupied Poland, and a Ukrainian legion is being formed with headquarters in Cracow and detachments in three other towns.

It is suggested by Poles in London that the friendlier attitude of Russia to the Poles is a result of German attempts to use Ukrainians for anti-Russian activities.

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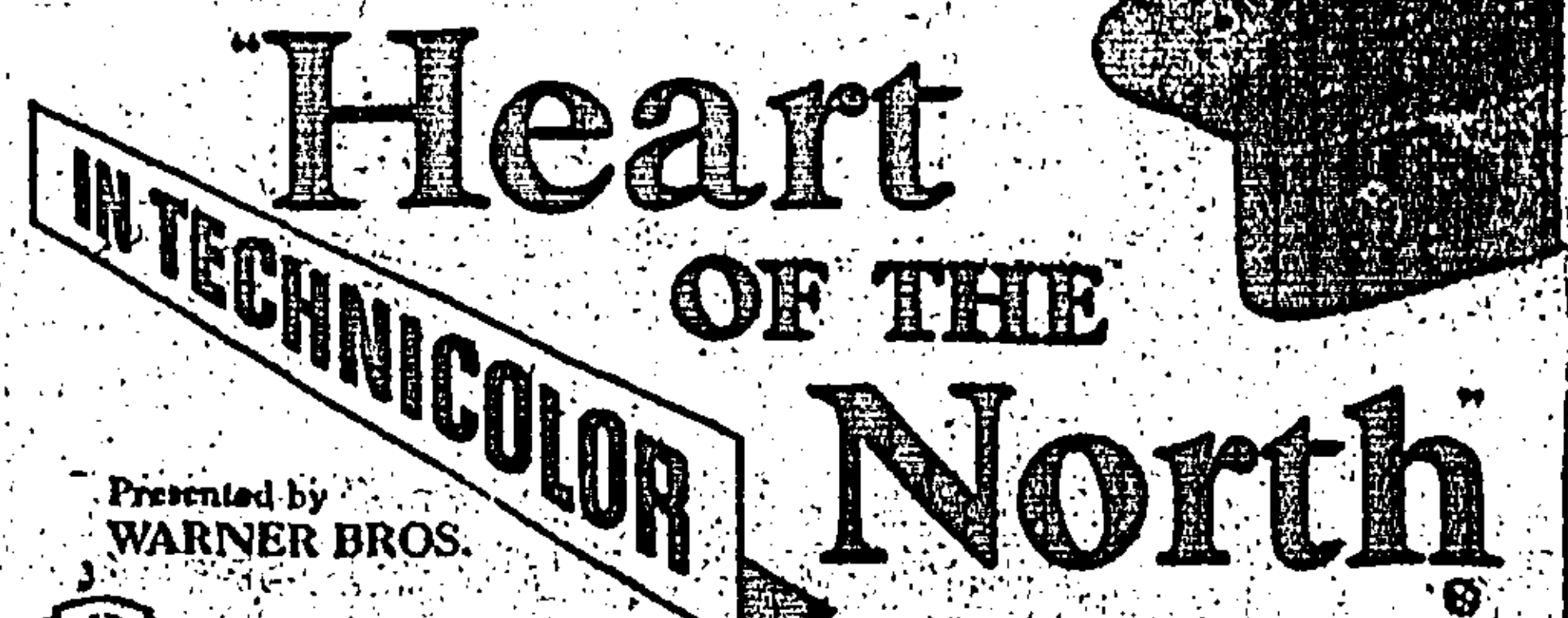
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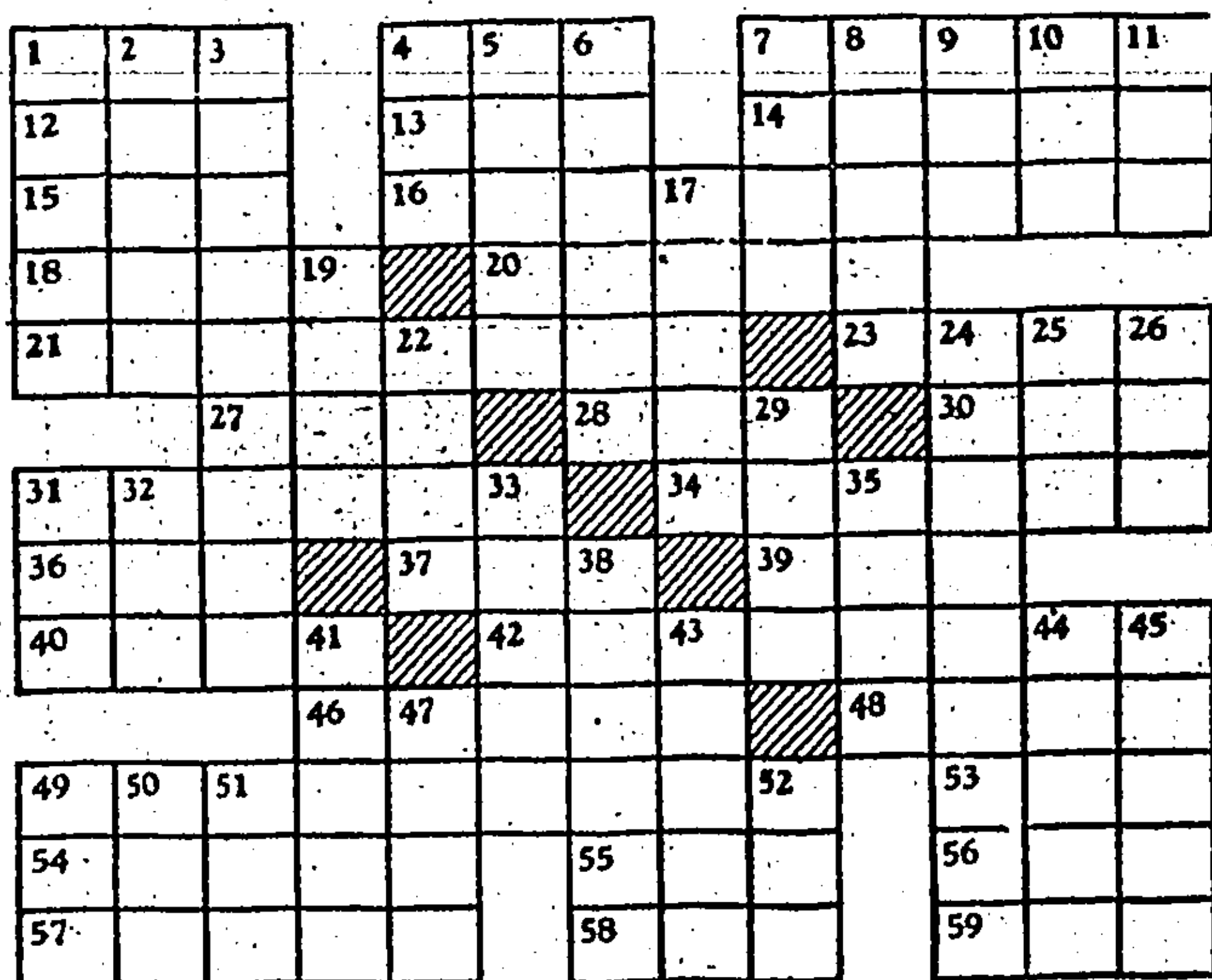
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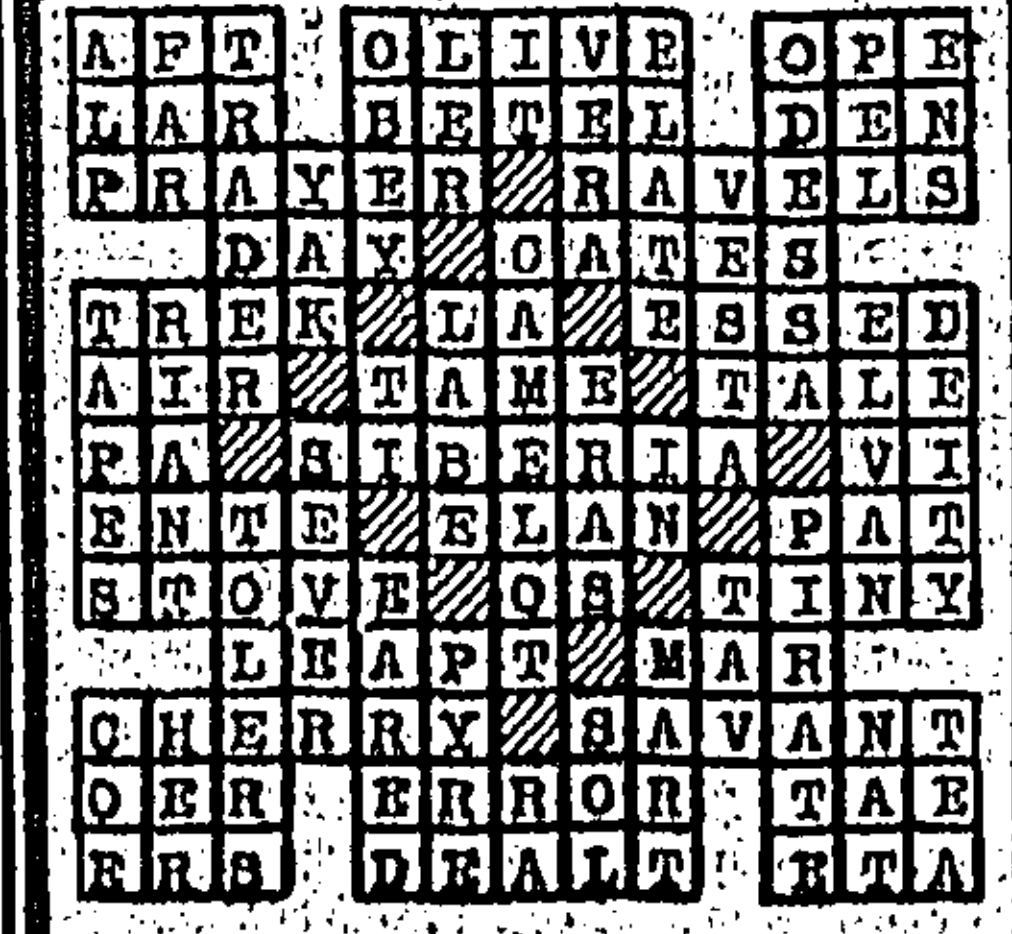
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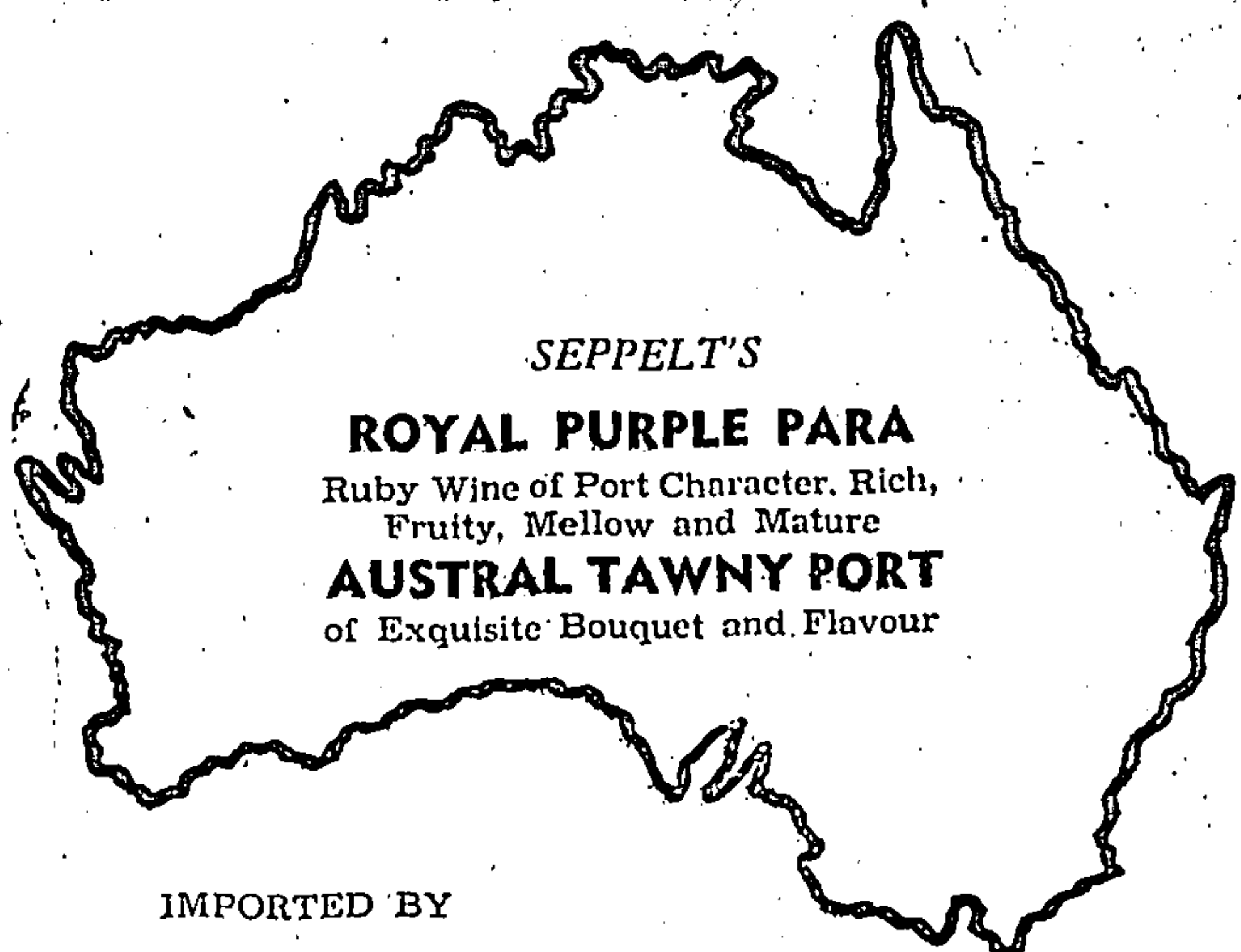
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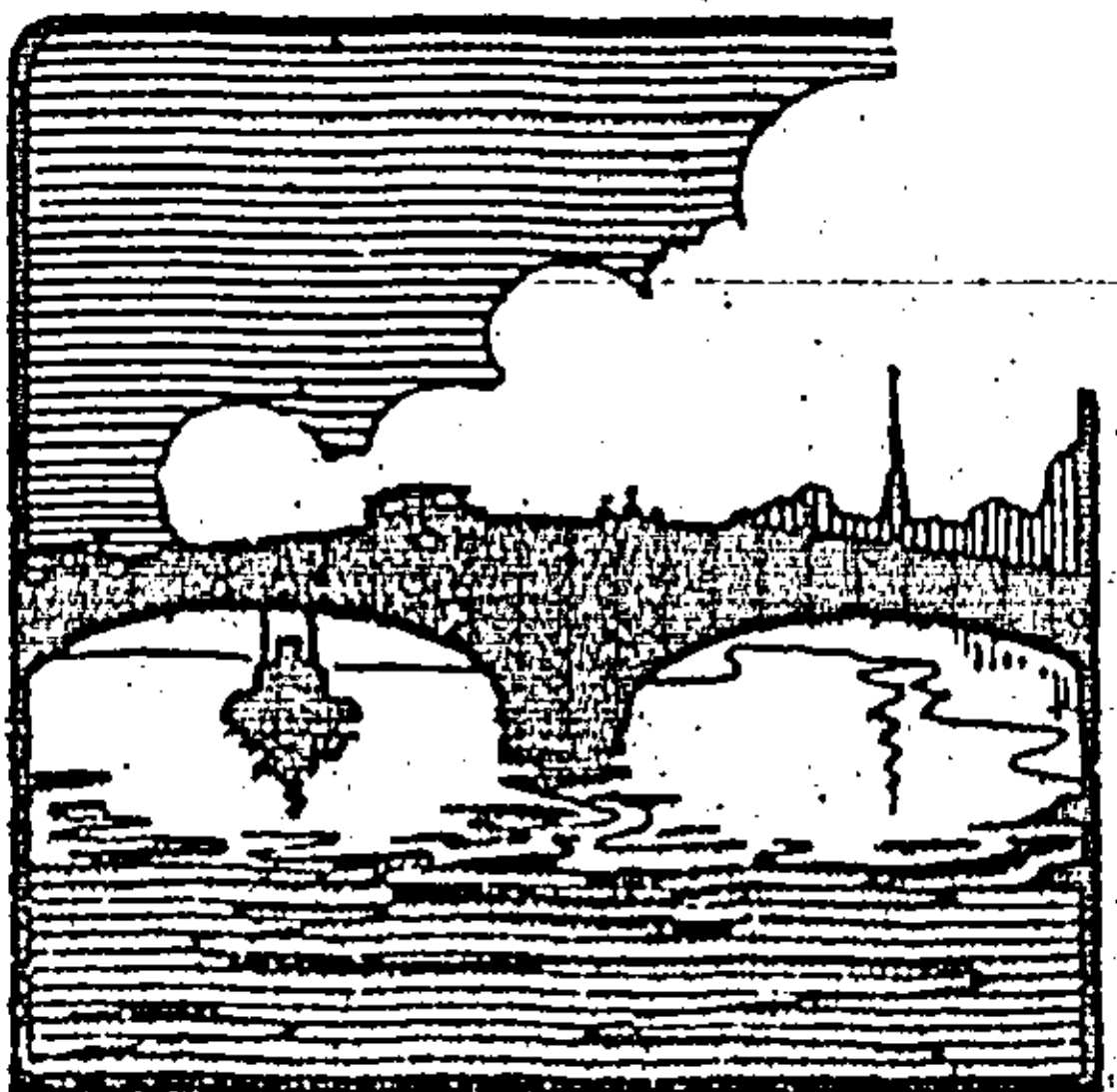
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BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

PICKING A PATH through the blazing wreckage of a block of bombed houses in West London, a sixteen-year-old girl calmly led a party of survivors to safety. "Everything's all right. Don't worry," she called to them as they streamed behind her.

A few hours later, when dawn broke, the girl, Dorothy Herbert, started to retrieve valuables and belongings from the shattered homes. Dorothy and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Olive Herbert, had visited a relation, Mrs. M. Kain. As they were about to leave the sirens sounded. They decided to stay the night in the basement shelter.

Others joined them, Mrs. Jackson nursed her baby, there was fourteen-year-old Alfred Jones and his mother and a man aged seventy-six.

Bomb Stops Card Game

Soon the drone of Nazi planes could be heard, then the whistle as bombs dropped.

Dorothy laughed. "Let's forget them. Who plays nap?"

For several hours the shelterers played cards. Eventually Dorothy and Alfred were left to fight it out—there was 1s. 3d. in the "kitty."

Suddenly the shelter shuddered. Above them a terrific explosion was followed by the roar of crumbling masonry.

It was then that Dorothy took command.

She climbed the steps, pushed aside wreckage which had already started to blaze, called to the others to follow, and led them from the danger.

Several houses and a restaurant had been razed to the ground by a direct hit and fires had started.

"She's A Heroine"

Dorothy was having "lunch" from a tin of pineapple she had retrieved when a reporter saw her. "It was a rough night, but every-one was cool," was all she would say.

But Mrs. Olive Herbert said: "Dorothy was a real brick—a heroine. She set a wonderful example to the others, and all day long since dawn she has worked like a Trojan to save these people's homes."

After helping Alfred to drag his best suit from the debris, Dorothy propped a camp bed against a half-collapsed wall and dozed off to sleep.

Before her eyes shut, she wearily remarked, "You know, Alf, if that bomb had been a couple of minutes later, I'd have won that 'kitty'."

'STUBBORN' NORWAY THINKS WE SHALL WIN

"The Norwegian people are still hostile to Germany and are incredibly stubborn in their belief in and hopes of a British victory," says a report in the leading Nazi paper in Pomerania, the "Pommersche Zeitung."

"We must recognise that Germans are unpopular in Norway and one reason, among others, is that the Norwegians are lazy. They hate to see the industrious Germans working day and night on aerodromes, roads, etc.," says the paper.

It complains that Norwegians refuse to clean the shoes of German guests in the hotels and concludes: "Norwegians are far behind the Germans mentally and they are unable to understand the German idea of a new order in Europe. Their chief worry is that Germany will plunder the whole of Norway and all endeavours to convince them otherwise are futile." — Exchange.

DYING, HE ASKED OF FIGHT

Somewhere on the Italian East African front, troops of the Sudan Defence Force are still talking with awe of the courage of a young R.A.F. man.

Aircraftman W. J. Davidson, although fatally injured, thought more of his pilot and the bombing raid on which they had been than of his own condition.

From their fort on the Sudanese frontier troops had watched R.A.F. aircraft bombing a nearby enemy fort. As the machines reassembled to leave, one aircraft suddenly left the formation and attempted a forced landing, only to crash a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

The enemy immediately opened fire with every available machine-gun on the aircraft petrol tank and it exploded.

What Sort of Show?

A major of the Sudan Defence Corps went at once to the spot, where he found Davidson, conscious although mortally injured.

The aircraftman's first thought was for his pilot and what had happened to him. Then he asked, "What sort of a show did we make of it?"

He added that he had jumped from the plane and as he hit the ground he followed down the slope as far as possible.

The pilot, Pilot Officer C. G. Bush, and Aircraftman W. J. Davidson were buried with full military honours on the following day.

BOMB DAMAGES UNITY MITFORD'S COTTAGE

When a German high explosive bomb dropped in a Midlands village during the night it considerably damaged the cottage of Miss Unity Mitford, "Hitler's girl friend," a church and a number of other houses.

Miss Mitford's cottage was empty, but the following day, accompanied by her mother and sister, she arrived to inspect the damage.

HIT IN EYES BUT LANDED

An R.A.F. officer who brought his plane down safely though wounded in both eyes, is awarded the D.F.C.

He is Flying-Officer Gordon Neil Spencer Cleaver, Auxiliary Air Force. Last August he led his flight against planes bombing his base.

After destroying one plane he was severely wounded in both eyes, but refused to abandon his plane and landed safely.

Flight-Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore-McKellar, of the Auxiliary Air Force, also gets the D.F.C. He led his flight against ninety Heinkels. At least four were destroyed. He bagged three.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Malan Brothers, another D.F.C., led his flight against 100 enemy aircraft, but was himself attacked by several Messerschmidt 110s.

Turning to meet them, he stalled, but spun out of it, then shot down a Dornier.

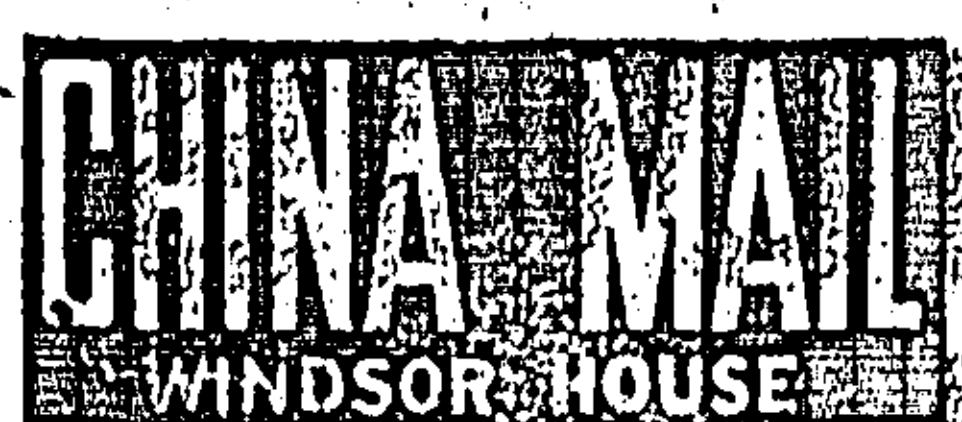
Altogether he has destroyed seven enemy planes.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Sidney Robert Gibbs (D.F.C.) was the hero of the long flight to Tromsø in bad conditions. He located eight Heinkel 115 flat planes. Three were destroyed and the remainder seriously damaged.

580244 Sergeant Ronald Fairfax Hamlyn, who gets the D.F.M., destroyed five enemy planes in one day.



Gadya George, as a happy mother in Akim Tamiroff in Paramount's drama, "The Way Of All Flesh" which opens to-day simultaneously at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.



EMPTY BOASTS

Nazi propagandists continue to make desperate efforts to convince their own people that all is well with the Air Battle of Britain. It is possible, indeed, to detect some slight retreat from the lyrical confidence of some weeks ago, when the Luftwaffe was being represented in the German Press as extending its sway over Britain day and night "like an avenging angel with fiery breath and flaming sword." Nevertheless, the Nazi radio is still claiming that it is the Germans who are dictating the course of the air war over Britain, and that they "can only shake their heads" over the British assertion that in our own island we have the mastery of the air. It may be conceded, certainly, that the Germans, being the attackers, dictate the time and place of the air battles in our skies, but since in daylight raids they are invariably routed in disorder and with disproportionately heavy losses, the element of "dictation" in the matter is neither here nor there.

It is merely a piece of verbal bluff to console and deceive the credulous German public, and perhaps to away an incipient tendency to scepticism. A very different story, we may be sure, is being told in the inner councils of the German High Command, where Goering, who has been conducting the campaign in person, is confronted with the unhappy task of explaining away his failure.

On our side, even if we knew nothing else, it would be sufficient answer to the Nazi boasts that Hitler has not dared to renew the mass attacks which were to be the prelude to invasion. Actually we know that our Air Force is stronger, both relatively and absolutely, than at any time before or during the battles which began in May, and that it is steadily progressing towards an ultimate superiority in quantity commensurate with its already proven superiority in quality.

Part from many other accretions to its strength, we have recently been able to welcome the formation of the Eagle Squadron of volunteers from the United States, the precursor of more to follow

THIS is what New York was talking about yesterday. And will be talking about to-day.

Times Square, New York, is where Broadway meets Forty Second Street. Americans call it the crossroads of the world.

From the three cornered island where the "New York Times" building stands you look up Broadway at the tens of thousands of winking signs and below them, the cauldron of yellow taxis, restless crowds, cops, news dealers, commissionaires and amusement barkers. The pavement around the "Times" building used to be reasonably clear but now it is blocked on one side by a crowd of perhaps 150 men. This is because the "Times" is posting up bulletins straight off the news tickers on boards in and above its windows. The "Times" has its famous electric sign on the building and all night letters spelling out late headlines run around like well drilled insects. But the sign cannot change fast enough now and so it is being supplemented by bulletins hastily written in capitals on strips of paper which are pasted on the boards as soon as they are ready.

When a new bulletin goes up [BRITISH BOMB TANKER AND SUPPLY SHIP OFF NORWAY—

LONDON HAS THIRD RAID ALARM] the crowd on the pavement contracts as it presses forward to read; then expands again as it falls back and breaks into groups to argue. People are constantly joining the crowd and others constantly leaving.

One thing one noticed to-day was that there are no women there. The men were of all kinds—prosperous and poor, Jews and Gentiles, hatted and hatless men with all manner of accents. You could push in and listen to the arguments. In one of the thickest knots a red haired and angry young man was telling an older man what he thought. The older man kept interrupting and contradicting. Neither of them had much accurate information but both were shouting furiously. In the next group a workman in overalls was explaining why France fell. ("Nobody in France knew what the hell it was all about").

A few minutes later an elderly bald-headed man said loudly, "We'll be in it. Bud. We'll be in soon enough." Nobody said anything to that.

The fringe of one group would drift to the next group as a fresh argument began. This was a

microcosm of America, briefly transfixed in "Times Square," New York, on an afternoon when, 3,000 miles away, the capital of civilization was being ravished by the bombs of an enemy as dark and evil as any that has ever stalked the earth. An hour earlier I had been at lunch with an American newspaper man of high reputation for carefulness and objectivity. "America at this moment," he had said, "is ninety per cent. confusion."

Here it was the dialectical, the groping of a group of Americans meeting together by chance in "Times Square." The American people are reading their newspapers and listening to their radios and the chaos of the news is reflecting itself in their minds. You can discover easily enough that most of the people you talk to have a deeply implanted faith in the British. By the British they mean not only the R.A.F. and the British Navy, but also every clerk and shopkeeper, every unsung householder in every suburb who now is pitting his nerves against the dark enemy.

They say over and over again "Hitler's up against something different now." But when the story of death and debris is cried from every headline and picture, when fires burn in London and Berlin boasts of weakened British

defences, then they frown and fret and ask questions neither you nor anyone else can answer.



America, at this moment, is listening feverishly. In news-reel theatres pictures of German planes are hissed and pictures of Americans destroyers leaving Boston for Britain are applauded. A drunk in the Bronx who shouted "I hope Hitler wins" had to have police protection the other evening. The two most popular songs in the United States just now are "God Bless America" and "I Am An American," compositions of doubtful musical merit but of fiercely patriotic sentiment. The town of Port Washington on Long Island has ordered the American flag to be displayed in the streets every Saturday. The bill I got the other night in a Manhattan restaurant had a patriotic slogan stamped across it. Rifle booths at country fairs now have faces of Hitler or little tin Nazi parachutists to shoot at.

Conscription is in the air; couples are rushing off to get married. From all directions, from political platforms to pulpits the cry is "Rearm—get ready to defend America."

Defend America where—and when? The question leads back in a circle from to-day's headlines to next week's and next month's. The anxious man in the street throughout America knows now that everything—his own future and the future of the free world—depends on Britain. "Ninety per cent. confusion"—but there's the other ten per cent. which is out ahead of the American people and may be able to see further.

Information available at this moment and judgment of the situation as it comes from Washington can fairly be summed up in this way—harrowing as the stories from London have been, nothing has happened yet that is either unexpected or decisive.



Invasion is not a certainty, not only because the Nazis may be unable to prepare the ground adequately in England, but also because the Nazis' own preparations must have been seriously disrupted by the R.A.F.

But so long as the technique of terror fails to bring the British people to the point where they would be willing to see the Government sue for peace, invasion remains possible.

There is nothing to show that the Nazi air force is capable of the tremendous task it would have to perform—the destruction of so many ports and landing fields and the dislocation of so highly organized a war effort—before the British people would be within measurable distance of such defeat.

If the Nazis should decide on invasion in a desperate effort to force a decision quickly the odds on their success would appear now to be against them.

What this boils down to is the general belief that, though immense destruction is to be expected, the Nazis are not going to be able to crack Britain. The expectation is that the war will go on through the winter to the spring.

By that time two important things may have happened. Germany can have begun to show the strain of ruling an ill-fed, unwilling continent and a too long inhibited nation, and America can have emerged from a stage of confusion into a stage of full realization that its best defence will be to throw its weight into the effort to end the Nazi threat for ever.

Setting Democracy In Order

The trouble with democracy at the present moment is (as we know too well) that it hasn't been working. It is economically out of order; it needs not only to be defended but corrected.

There is a certain relief for many Americans in turning from this stubborn problem that has so long defied solution to the more exhilarating issue of military armament. Not that we like war or even the preparation for it. But the necessity being squarely laid upon us, the resultant activity has stimulus. We must see to it that it is not diverting. For we are still confronted by the grave issue of "idle money, idle men."

A recent speech of Wendell Willkie's has placed on a candlestick the illuminating comment on the United States by Winston Churchill which points in this direction. We are reminded that one of the strongest possible contributions to a cure of the international dilemma would be our own recovery. Arm we must. Our immediate obligations to neighbours must be fully met. But Americans cannot neglect the solid contribution to

as indicated by the announcement than one in seven in the Canadian Air Force is a citizen of the United States. We welcome this news alike for the fighting mettle of which its forerunners in the last war afforded so splendid a testimony, and as a visible token of the sympathy of our friends from across the ocean in our struggle to defend and preserve the ideals of civilisation and liberty common to us both.

world economy which lies in the solving of their own affairs. This is not identical, of course, with the speeding up of industry consequent upon the threat of war.

No nation can justify its position solely on the basis of foreign policy. Were we to try this, we would be veering in a totalitarian direction. Internal complications are famous for driving totalitarian States into heroics with

By Mary Burt Messer

respect to foreign Powers. The United States is a part of the family of nations (if it can be called that at this hour). Its every move bears a relation to the whole. But this does not deliver Americans from the obligation of success at home. It rather lays emphasis upon it.

The issue, of course, is more than a superficial one. There is a challenge here with respect to the very character of democracy itself. Spengler, in his "Decline of Western Civilization," explicitly sets forth some of the outstanding doubts attaching themselves to the democratic order, with its maladies. These are worth considering as a spur to their solution. Spengler is a sceptic on the subject of democracy. It is worth while frequently to listen to our intelligent opponents. Sometimes we are able to glean from them the very clue to victory.

"Through money," writes Spengler (with the directness of a dive-bomber), "democracy becomes its own destroyer." "Money," he goes on to say, "they hope for salvation from somewhere or other, for some real thing of honour and

chivalry, of inward nobility, of unselfishness and duty." He declares that there now sets in the final battle between "Democracy and Caesarism," between what he calls the leading forces of money-economics, and political or dictatorial power.

There is an almost beguiling quality in parts of these passages as we move through them, as in the case of some of the passages of Adolf Hitler. But they pass on to an amazing—and identical—finale. Of the true order of society as Spengler sees it, he writes: "Always it has sacrificed truth and justice to might and race."

Such words should dispose of confusion and the instincts of appeasement. As they are elucidated at the present hour by the logic of events, they bring our nation to its feet. Here is an order springing from a different, an opposite, an anti-Christian premise, which must not be permitted to take over the jurisdiction of the world.

This Spengler thinking, which merges into Nazi thinking, leads in its "Caesarism" to the exaltation of one man.

The reply of democracy is, a great man too—but he is to be found in every man. It is the man of alertness, of intelligence and enterprise—we are not afraid of his "big business," subject to reasonable rules of industrial traffic. But it is the man who draws lines essentially within himself, who will advance industrially only so far as he can take others with him. It is the adventurer, not the gambler; the worker, not the labourer. In every capacity, behind every function—the democratic citizen, acting with a kind of saving-favour in the interest of the whole. The practical, the technical solutions of our economic system, under these conditions, will be forthcoming. Democracy will hold its own. It will ultimately triumph.

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ADVANCE CREWS of German crack airmen were unable to start early any big, tactically important, fire in London to guide squadrons waiting in North France.

Result was that the fourth consecutive all-night raid on the capital was on a smaller and less-damaging scale, although Goering's bombers roamed over the area for eight and a half hours.

The two previous nights the full force of the attack was delayed until the fire-raisers were able to radio "Success" back to their bases. Bombing during the next night did not grow more severe as the hours passed by, suggesting that the first attacks could not be followed up in force this time.

LIFE IN BRIXTON

Admiral Sir Barry Edward Domville, who has been detained in Brixton Gaol since July last under Section 18b of the Defence Regulations, has had a daily minimum of 19 hours' solitary confinement, it was said in the High Court.

Applications for writs of habeas corpus were being made on behalf of Sir Barry and four other people.

Mr. Justice Hawke and Mr. Justice Macnaghten adjourned the applications and gave leave for notices to be served on the governors and gaolers of the prisons where the people are, and the Home Secretary.

Mr. Gerald Gardiner for Sir Barry Domville, read Sir Barry's affidavit in which he complained of the 19 hours' daily solitary confinement—lengthier still during air raids.

Mr. Justice Hawke: Part of the 19 hours a day mentioned includes sleeping time?

"No Charge"

Sir Barry said that no charge had been preferred against him. His affidavit, saying that he had been in the Royal Navy for 44 years, went on:

"The court will understand how much I resent the allegations against me in view of the fact that the public safety and the defence of the realm are the very things to which I have devoted my whole life."

Sir Barry added that he was allowed to send out and receive only two letters a week.

The other applicants were Mrs. Rita Kathleen Sheldermine, of Greenway, Wilmslow, Cheshire; Harold Henry Alexander de Laessoe, D.S.O., M.C., Miss Emily Dorothea Vavasour Durell, and William Edric Sherston.

Mrs. Sheldermine, said Mr. Gardiner, was 27. She had two children and had been in Holloway Prison since July 11. She was British.

Her affidavit said that she had been an "inactive member" of the British Union, and added: "I have never done anything to hurt my country."

CONCERT PARTY FOR ICELAND

"Ensa," the organisation which provided entertainment for the troops, is to provide two concert parties and two singing units for the Forces in the Middle East, in addition to mobile cinema vans. A special concert party and a number of cinemas are being sent to Iceland, following the recent statement in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for War.

In the Army garrison theatres and R.A.F. station theatres in the autumn the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company will present

But bombs caused damage in Central, East, North-West, South-East and South-West London.

Meanwhile, raiders were over the Midlands, Wales and South-East; South-West, North-East, and North-West England.

Risked Life in Church

A five-storey block of workers' flats in north-west London was cut in two by a bomb, and people were pinned beneath the wreckage—but about 100 people who had taken refuge in trench shelters nearby were unhurt.

One woman said: "We had been singing in the trench shelters, but when the crashes came and we heard the flats falling, one woman started a prayer and we all joined in."

Rescue parties toiling among the 30ft-high piles of debris—bricks, plaster, woodwork and furniture—extricated the last of the dead about seven hours after the explosion.

A caretaker dashed down the narrow stairs of a blazing Central London church, with the windows cracking in the heat and timber falling from the roof, to rescue the communion cups and plates.

"I made two trips to the rooms while the fire was raging over my head, and carried the silver cups and plate to safety," he said.

Hospitals Bombed

The chief engineer and the assistant matron were killed and a number of nurses injured when a heavy calibre bomb hit a Central London hospital.

None of the twenty-six patients on the premises was injured. A large maternity hospital in East London was hit for a second time.

The bomb—an incendiary—started a fire which caused some damage to the top floors, but all the patients had been evacuated and there were no casualties among the nursing staff still remaining.

Four high explosive bombs, believed to have been followed by incendiaries, burst in a warehouse and business area in central London and caused fires.

Firemen at work in one street where the blaze was most intense clambered to the upper floors of burning buildings to direct their hoses on to premises more seriously threatened.

Dogs Safe, But

Between 150 and 200 people escaped when a quarter of an hour before the "All Clear" was given a heavy high explosive bomb struck a building in a south-east London street, wrecking nearby houses. The occupants had all gone to a shelter which was undamaged.

A mother and daughter were killed when a bomb dropped on a small residential house in a south-east district of London. Their bodies were recovered after A.R.P. workers and demolition squads had dug throughout the night to release them.

Two small wire-haired terriers were brought up from the big hole made by the A.R.P. men. They were covered in dust and very frightened, but otherwise unhurt.

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They had killed sixteen of my crew, but I thought, as I swam towards the Nazi pirate ship—“Don't give up hope. All Germans can't be as bad as Hitler makes them out to be.”

I was right about that. There was more than one on board the German ship who thought kindly of England and treated us well.

It was about 6.30 in the morning on April 24 when the German raider, flying Greek colours, suddenly opened fire on us with four 6in. guns.

We had no chance. The second salvo of shells killed our gunner and smashed the gun platform. They kept on firing after that for about half an hour—with not a shot in return.

My ship was shattered and on fire, and there were good men dead on the decks. We had to swim for it, and after a long time they picked us up from the planks and wooden barrels to which we were clinging.

They put us into canvas suits and gave us underwear and flannel shirts made out of wood pulp. They sent us to our prison quarters, three decks down.

They gave us a plate of black bread and sausage. The bread was as hard as nails and had half an inch of wet round the bottom.

When we went on deck for exercise for one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon we saw that we were in a fine ship, one of the Hamburg liners which before war was on the New York run.

No Milk, No Tea

Furnishings and fittings were de luxe, except where alterations had been made to give the ship powerful armament.

Our diet did not improve. There was no milk, no sugar, no tea. They gave us imitation coffee, made from burned corn and an imitation jam. Our staple diet was soup made from peas, beans or lentils.

We saw little of our captors. The captain, a grim-faced Prussian, never spoke until the day I left his ship to be transferred to the Tropic Sea, a Norwegian ship which they had captured.

He then asked me if I had been treated well. I said I had no complaints, and added: “But I shall never forget the murder of my sixteen men, with you firing at us while we were helpless.”

He said: “Forget it, captain, there's a war on.” I said: “I shall never forget and never forgive it.” He shrugged his shoulders.

It was true that we hadn't been badly treated. The officers and men with whom we had dealings were like strangely deluded children.

They believed that the war would be over in a matter of weeks, and they even had daily hand practice on board so that the ship could be represented in the victory march through Berlin which they thought was soon to take place.

They believed that the British Navy had been swept from the seas, that South-East England was a desert of destruction, that the Port of London was shattered and useless, and that all England was starving, and continuing the fight in desperation.

One morning alarms sounded, and we were all locked in our quarters. There was a lot of scampering going on above our heads. Then the guns fired three times.

Refuelled At Sea

More than an hour later we saw through little peepholes in the wall of our prison room that some seamen were being brought on board. They were from the captured Norwegian ship, Tropic Sea.

Soon afterwards another ship came alongside. It was the Ger-

man oiler Winnetou which had come out to refuel us. At this time we were kept in close confinement. We were twelve days locked in our quarters without exercise, and almost choked by oil fumes.

Then we were transferred to the Tropic Sea under armed guard.

They kept on plugging at us with their propaganda. An officer had the special duty of converting us into good Nazis, and they seemed to think it was only a question of time before we saw the folly of our ways and realised that Hitler was a fine fellow and Churchill a low scoundrel.

This propaganda officer said that only 3,000 British soldiers had escaped from Dunkirk, that every British port was closed by mines, and that a woman had broadcast over the B.B.C. saying that England needed some one like Hitler.

I said: “You're a liar. You and your — Hitler make me sick.”

He was angry. “You must not talk like that of our beloved Fuehrer.” I told him: “If you talk such nonsense I'll fling you over the side into the sea.”

Dawn Rescue

As we got nearer Europe we got a bit depressed. We thought there was no chance of rescue.

At 5.30 on the morning of September 3 the alarm sounded throughout the ship again. We were told to get on deck with our lifebelts.

All the German officers seemed in a daze. When they first sighted the submarine they were convinced that it was a German which had come to escort them into port. They hadn't bargained for it being British.

The Germans in my lifeboat refused to take us to the submarine, so I pushed the officer away from the tiller and told my men to row towards it for all they were worth. I knew that there were time bombs in the ship due to explode in a matter of minutes. We drew alongside the submarine and a young lieutenant pulled me aboard and said: “Welcome home.”

He had one of those Navy voices. It sounded like music in my ears.

FINDS £300—‘NO’ TO £150 GIFT

FOR THREE DAYS £300, wrapped in sacks, lay unnoticed on a greengrocer's stall. When the greengrocer looked inside, he was astonished to find the money, in £1 notes. But he was even more surprised when he found the owners.

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Yet the finder, Mr. Robert Ellis, of East Dereham, refused to take a big reward.

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Mrs. Edwards told a reporter that she was shopping in Dereham market place.

“I left my handbag containing the £300 behind me. That money was our life savings,”

DIED HEROES

Two brothers . . . last war babies . . . born far away from the land they were one day to fight for . . . went to the same school in the homeland.

Joined the R.A.F. . . . flew together . . . both shot down six Nazis and damaged others . . . both awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Now both are named — killed in action — in Air Ministry Casualty Communique No. 46.

The brothers were Pilot-Officer C. A. Woods-Scawen and Flying-Officer P. P. Woods-Scawen whose father lives at South Farnborough. Both were born at Karachi, India, and were educated at Salesian College, Farnborough.

C. A. Woods-Scawen was born in 1918. His award was announced on September 3, when it was stated that in June last he was shot down twenty-five miles inside French territory, but got back to his squadron.

Up to then he had been shot down six times, and tribute was paid to his “unabated courage and enthusiasm” and his outstanding qualities as a resourceful and determined leader.

Against Big Odds

P. P. Woods-Scawen was born in 1916. When his D.F.C. was awarded in June it was stated that once, when heavily outnumbered, he attacked a large formation of Germans without hesitation and shot two down.

His plane was hit and he was slightly wounded, but baled out and rejoined his unit.

It was added that he had shown “great courage, endurance and leadership.”

The communique, which contains the names of 319 officers and airmen, gives a total of forty-nine officers and airmen killed in action, and forty-eight wounded or injured. Those missing total eighty-eight.

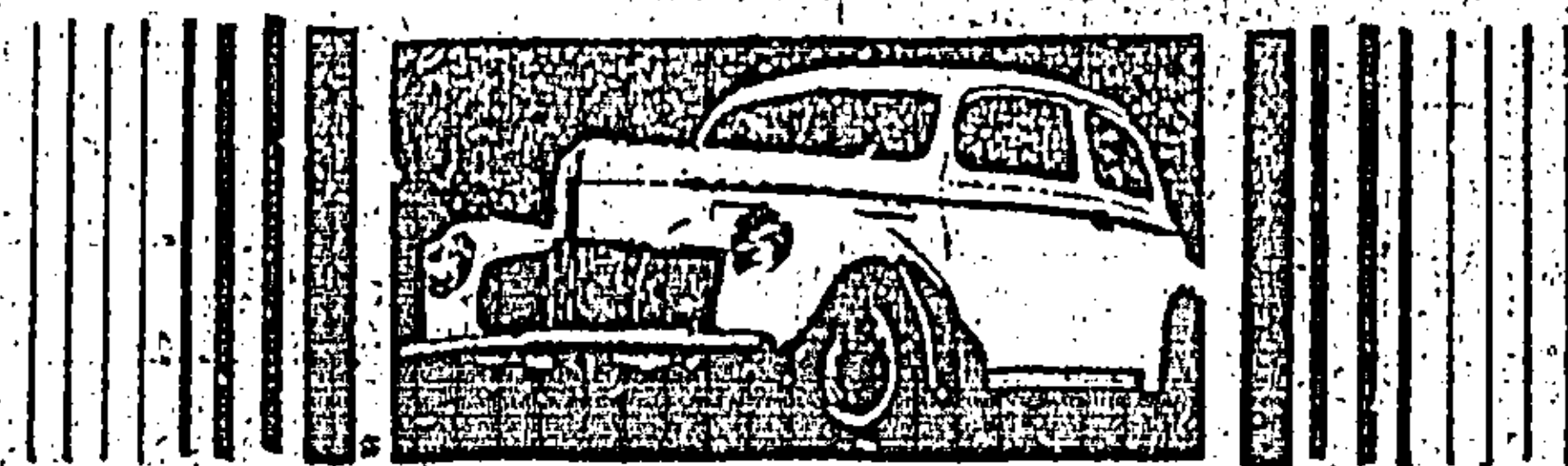
The number killed on active service is forty-eight. Of ten previously reported missing three are now safe and seven are prisoners.

A sergeant of the Royal New Zealand Air Force is reported missing, and two pilot officers were killed on active service.

The names of nine D.F.C.s, one A.F.C. and one D.F.M. are included in the list.

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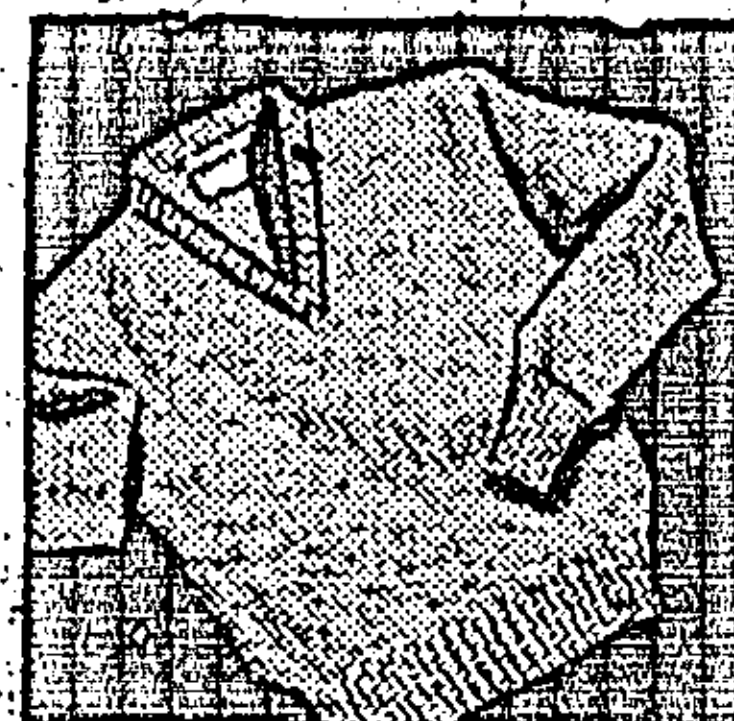
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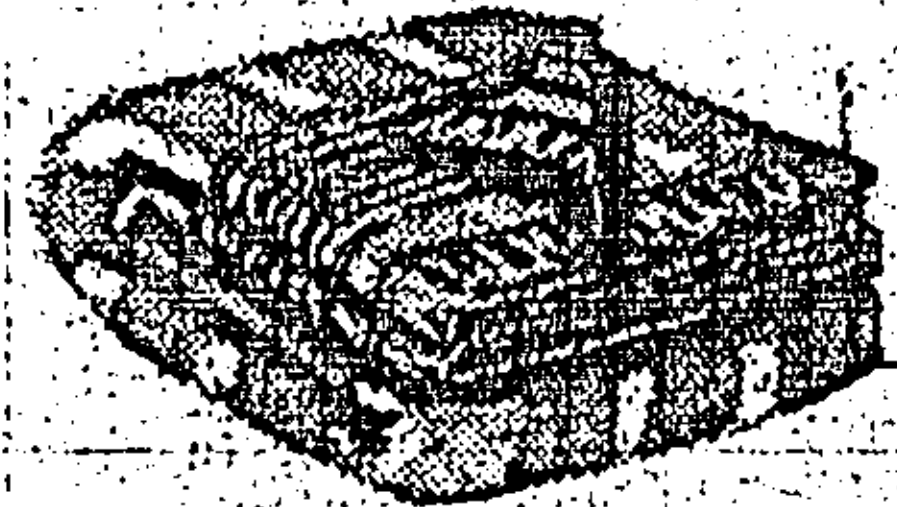


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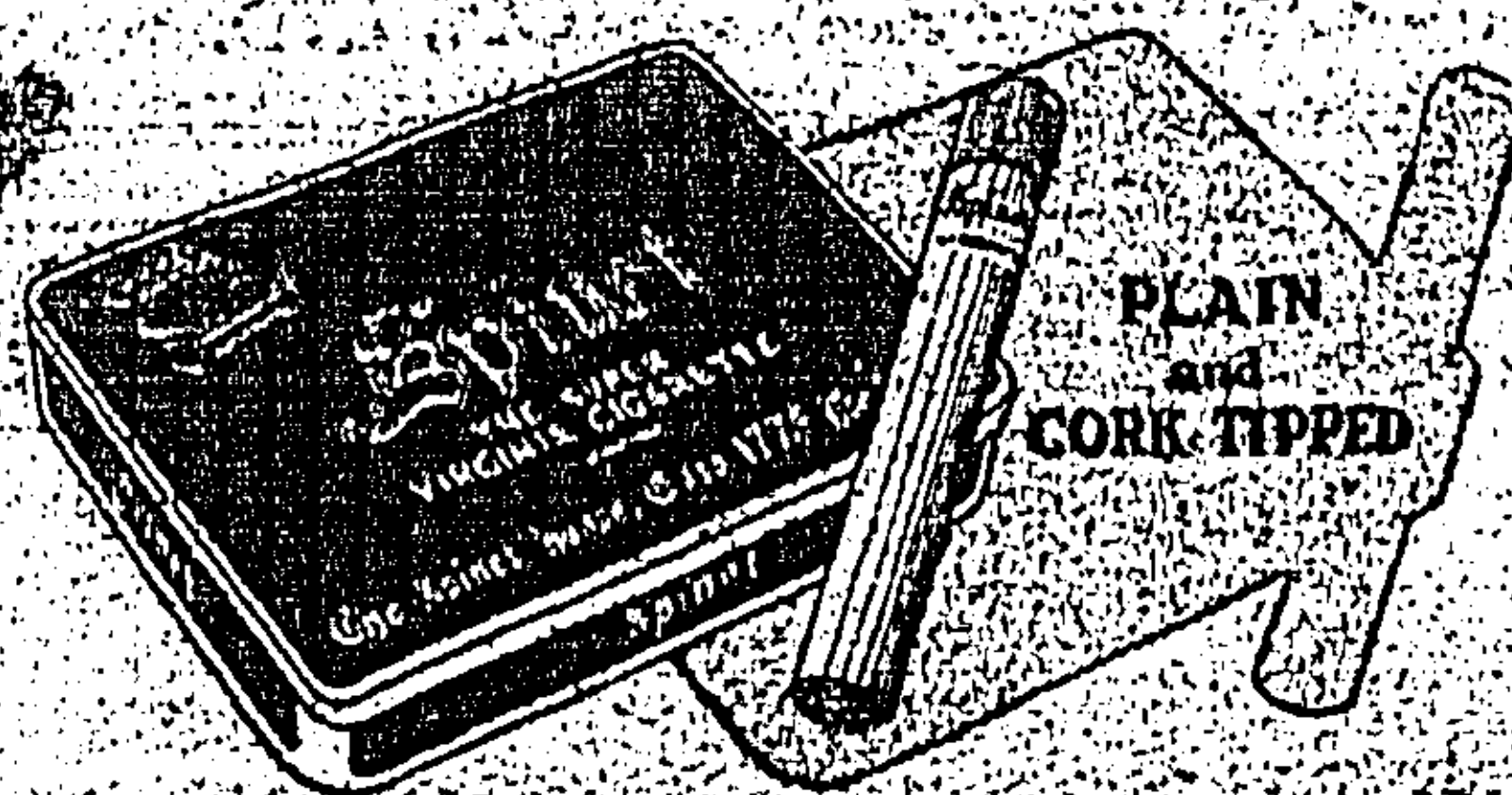


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Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

CRIME DOESN'T PAY: No. 21

To-day brings another problem for our detective corps; it's up to you to spot the crime and the criminal:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A Q
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ Q 6 5
♣ J 6 4 2

♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A 10 8

♠ K 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ K 9 7

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♠ J 6
♥ A K J 7 3
♦ A K 4
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the Queen and King of diamonds, then took the spade finesse. East won with the spade King and returned a spade to dummy's Ace.

In the play of the clubs, South lost three tricks, and the contract was therefore defeated. Don't look for any help from us, if you're really sleuths—for you should be able to name the criminal and point out where he committed the crime. But if you find yourself stumped, read the next two paragraphs.

South was the criminal—and his crime was taking a finesse in spades. He should have realised that he'd lose three tricks in clubs if he tackled the clubs himself—but only two tricks if an opponent led the suit first. South could afford to lose a spade and two clubs, but not a spade and three clubs so should have planned the play on that basis.

Correct play is to draw trumps and strip out the diamonds (as actually done). Then South must cash the spade Ace and lead the spade Queen. Whichever opponent wins must either lead clubs or give South a ruff-and-a-stuff with any other lead.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 4
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Malor	You
1NT	2♣	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You dislike the contract, and you may even suspect that some other contract will be better—but your hand is far too weak for any action at all. Score 100% for pass; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 585

To-day you are Merwin D. Malor's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 5
♣ J 6 3 2

The bidding:

Malor	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♥	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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THEY ADOPT DESTROYER

The little North Riding village of Castleton has adopted the former American destroyer of the Churchill Flotilla which has been named Castleton.

The women of Castleton, Yorks, propose that the women of Castleton, U.S.A., should help them in providing the crew of the Castleton with comforts.



The little guy in the back-row seat at a football game is thankful girls have taken a fancy to wearing calotte this fall.

GUIDE STILL TO RAIDERS

Although they contain 1,600 tons of scrap iron that could be turned into guns, the two huge water towers of the Crystal Palace are still standing.

They survived the fire that destroyed the Palace in 1936.

Set 284ft. above ground level, they are the most prominent landmark in South London. In the last war they were such a valuable landmark to enemy airmen that, as a German commander mentions in his reminiscences, raiders were ordered not to bomb the Crystal Palace. It was too useful a signpost.

In June this year it was announced that a contract had been signed for the demolition of the towers.

Dangerous Task

Sir Henry Buckland, manager of the Crystal Palace, told reporters that work began in July.

"I am afraid, too, that there was a hold-up in the work for two weeks," he said. "The firm doing the work is very busy. Work is now going on with the south tower, but it is bound to be slow. You can't have very many men on the job as the work is dangerous."

Reminded that German raiders used the Crystal Palace as a signpost in the last war, and might be doing so now, Sir Henry agreed. He could not, however, see any chance of the work being speeded up now that air-raids on London were a daily affair.

MIDWIVES TO GET TIN HATS

Midwives and district nurses are to be issued with steel helmets and civilian duty respirators.

The number required may be as many as 20,000, and by arrangement with the Ministry of Health, they will be provided free through local A.R.P. authorities.

So vital is the work which these unsung heroines perform in the face of danger that it has been decided to give them all possible protection as they cycle through country lanes or walk through city streets during air-raid warnings.

Other Classes, Too

The same protection is also to be given to any doctor who applies to the local Medical War Committee.

Many doctors already have helmet and mask because they are attached to the A.R.P. services, and this scheme will not apply to them.

The Ministry is considering the issue of mask and helmet to two other classes—hospital staffs, including stretcher-bearers, whose needs have not yet been fully met, and relieving officers with the job of opening special relief centres.



Skin Injuries

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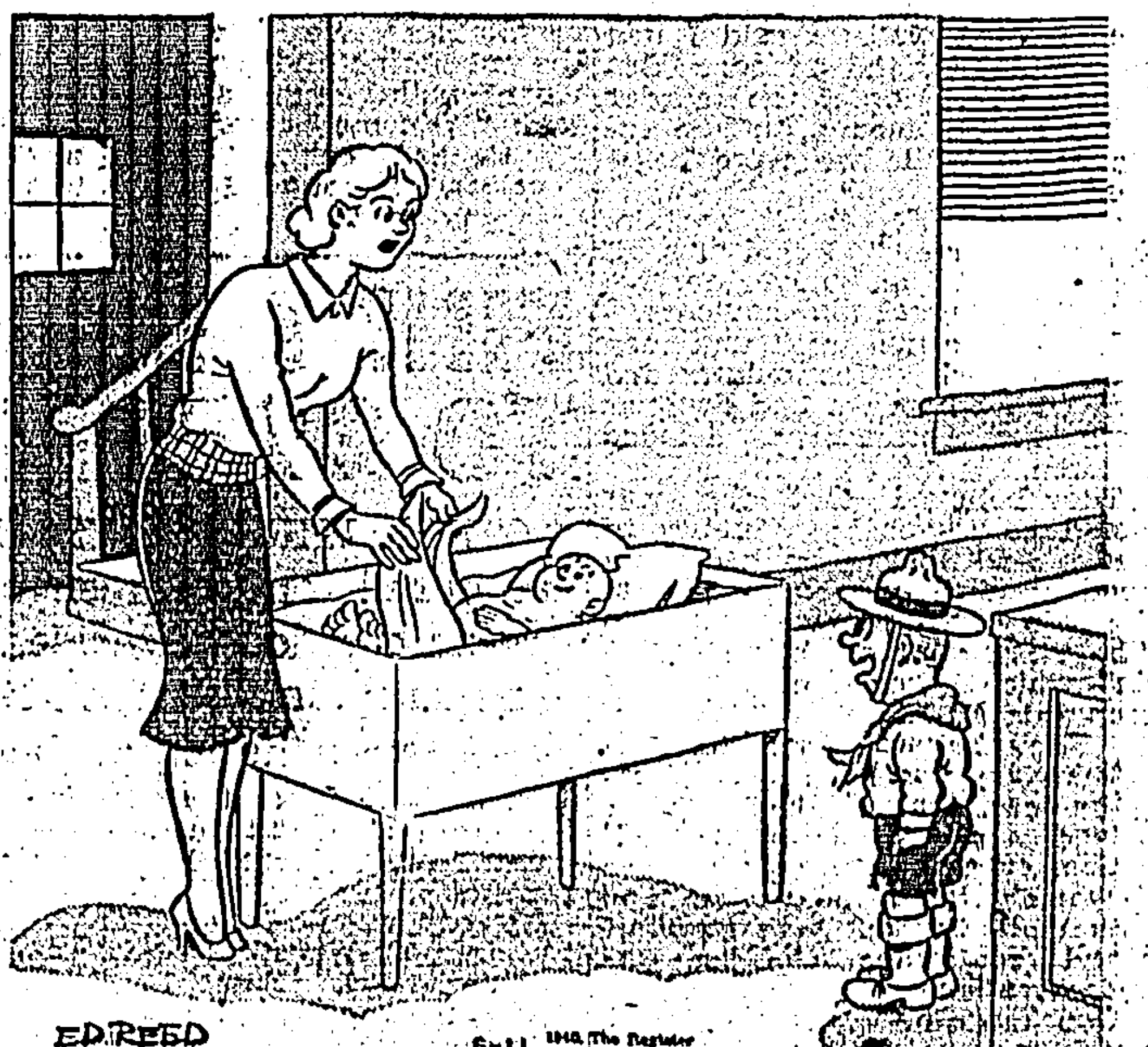
Keep a tin of She-Ko in the house and you will be prepared for emergencies. It is equally good for the curative treatment of skin complaints.



quickly soothes and heals.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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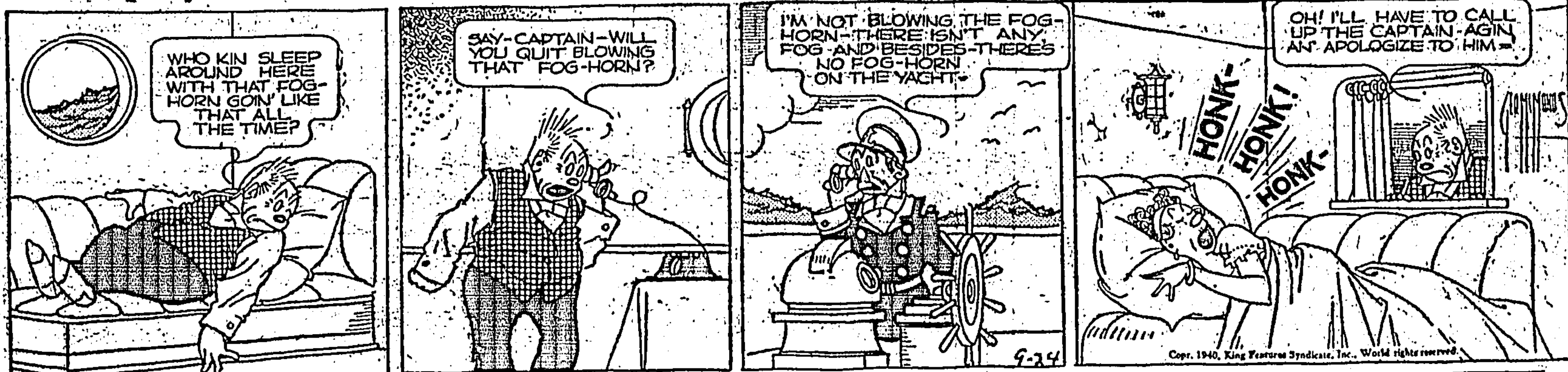
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Running Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Come Into The Pantry

EGGS, LEMON JUICE, a drop of Vinegar, and some Corn-Meal were very capable aids to your grandmother's beauty, and just as long as they exist there is no need to spend envious hours looking at expensive shop windows.

NAN GLOSTER

explains just how you can put these simple kitchen items to good use.

How often have you stared at the prices in the beauty shops and envied the women who can afford expensive "facials"? How lucky they are, you may have thought, to be able to use stock in skin rejuvenators, beauty creams, as-tringents without a palpitation on half-guineas or half-crowns. Like buying a pound of something at the grocers, you think.

You frown (bad habit). Money is distributed in such a topsyturvy way! By this time the mood is gloomy (also bad for beauty). You hop on a bus and fly back to your kitchen to prepare a meal! wash undies or clean the "bijou" flat.

Thinking of prices in the beauty shops you have no eyes for the world's oldest beauty preparations on your kitchen shelves. The beaten egg, lemon juice, fresh milk, olive oil, "porridge" meals—even plain bread—are almost as good for your complexion and (or) hair as potted and bottled mysteries.

Less than fifty years ago, when your grandmother was a girl, beauty recipes were verbal family secrets and nearly all ingredients were natural or food materials from the pantry. So let's raid the food pantry to beat the beauticians at their own expensive game.

For a start let's say your complexion is dull, it has lost the glow it had on your wedding day. Drabness and dullness are the most common skin symptoms among women who envy luxury treatments but do nothing to imitate them.

First skilled service is to go after that lazy epidermis. Don't let your complexion sit down on the job. It wants electrifying. On your kitchen shelf there is a bottle of Biblical olive oil. It was used by the Babylonians and Egyptians for skin balm thousands of years ago! Your bottle may be labelled "salad oil."

Emollients are the beginning of all beautifying—after cleansing. A thimbleful of oil and butter whisked together make a perfect cleaner and softener for any complexion. Drops of eau-de-Cologne add the sophisticated scent. Smooth a little over the face and wipe it off with cotton wool squeezed out of cold water. With the remainder massage face and throat.

For a medium type of complexion, probably the oldest facial tonic in history . . . perhaps earlier than olive oil . . . is the swabbing of a mixture of milk and buttermilk over the complexion. Apply it plentifully with a piece of cotton wool and let it dry slowly and stay dry for some minutes. Wash off with water diluted with lemon juice.

With milk or lemon as a basis grandma made many beauty unguents. Beaten egg yolk and dash of lemon gives you a face mask

to enrich, whiten, tone, and refine. Brush it on and then relax indulgently with a book and cigarette for about twenty minutes. White of egg whipped with milk and a few drops of witch hazel (or vinegar) makes a healing mask for a bad skin—grease, and open pores.

When applying a meal pack see that it has not too much "weight" and thickness in the mixture. Face masks must not be so heavy that they pull the flesh down-

Beauty's Budget

2 Eggs, 4d; Vinegar, 1d; milk, 2d; Meal, 2d; Lemon 1½d; Oil, 2½d. Total 1s. 1d. Mix lemon with milk or eggs, drop by drop or it will congeal.

White of egg with a little olive oil is good treatment for wrinkles.

The empty "cup" of a squeezed lemon can be used as a cuticle and nail cleanser. Push the fingernails in the pulp and work it circularly.

Olive oil with fine sugar removes stains from the fingers.

Vinegar with a little warm water will cleanse the scalp between shampoos.

wards. After twenty minutes wash the mask off with cold water, and pat the skin with a lotion of cold water, lemon juice, and eau-de-cologne.

You'd Like Your Child To Be Musical?

Where is there a child who has not been sung to sleep in its cradle or in somebody's arms? All children are musical to begin with. They may lose it later on, but, unhappily, you can never tell beforehand whether that is going to happen.

Usually they are singing before they can talk. They may not sing in tune, but, while talking needs plenty of inducement, singing seems to be their natural desire.

Before they learn to talk they use only vowels and leave out the consonants, and vowels are all-

yB Mary Benedetta

most singing in themselves. Consonants are the first musical setback a child has.

A child should begin learning music at the earliest possible moment. By having notes and phrases sung to him he can soon learn to carry them in his head and produce them himself.

People seldom think of teaching a child to read music before he learns to read books. Yet reading music is very much easier—not, of course, reading a score, because that is one of the most difficult things in the world, but an ordinary line of music.

After all, there are 26 letters in the alphabet and they do not always mean the same thing. Musical notation is much more exact and uniform than is spelling or pronunciation.

Whatever instrument a would-be musician chooses to take up, he should have at least some sort of working knowledge of the piano. The time for a child to begin learning to play the piano is when he can stretch five notes (there is no need to wait for an octave).

Even before that he can be learning the different notes and

where they are, so that when one particular note is played or sung to him he can learn to pick it out for himself.

Later on a gramophone becomes very useful for teaching, him all about music. In any case, a child who is being brought up musically should be allowed to hear plenty of good music.

When he goes to school and learns music with his other lessons, he should be taught by someone who has as much bent for teaching children as for teaching music.

Music is sometimes hereditary, and you find whole families of good musicians. People imagine musicians' children are brought up in an atmosphere of continuous music and so have an unusual advantage. Actually, if their father is a conductor or an orchestral player they probably hear far less music than most other children. There may be very little music in a musician's house if he gets much outside. Children can go to concerts when they are quite small, for they still have natural appreciation of music that makes them respond to a lullaby as infants.

Children are perfectly capable of appreciating the real thing in music just as much as in anything else. Any child who is used to being treated like a normal human being will stare a trifle coldly at a grown-up who tries to talk baby-talk to him. And if children are accustomed to hearing good music they will be just as discriminating.

Since all children are musical to begin with, parents who bring them up musically are giving them something they enjoy. And a happy childhood means a great deal.

In any case, without becoming musicians, they may still have become people who gain much pleasure from music because they understand it enough to appreciate it.

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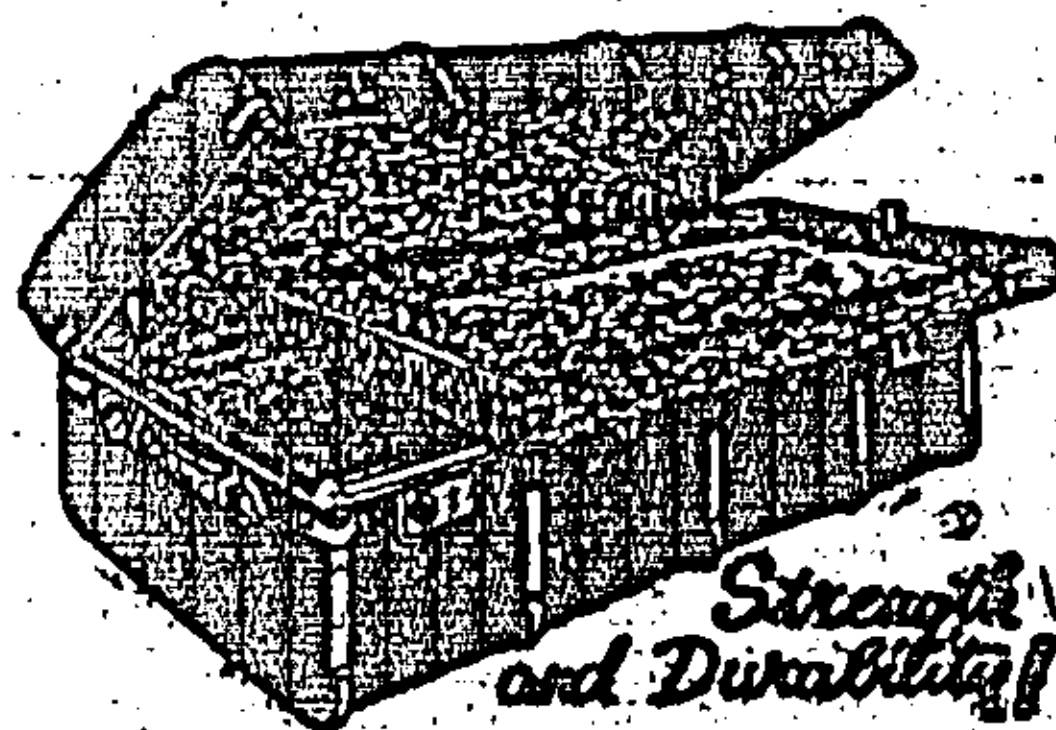
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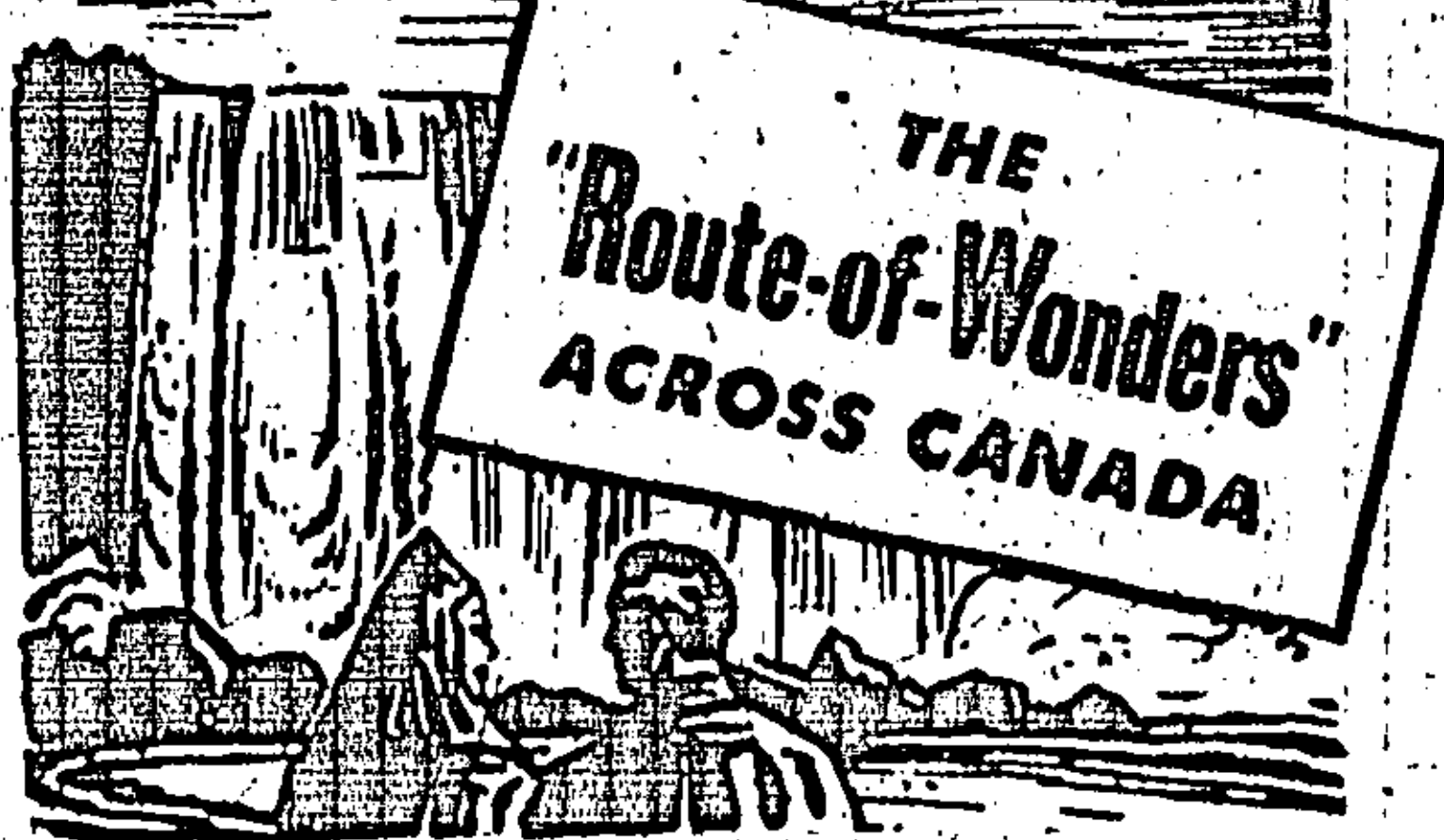
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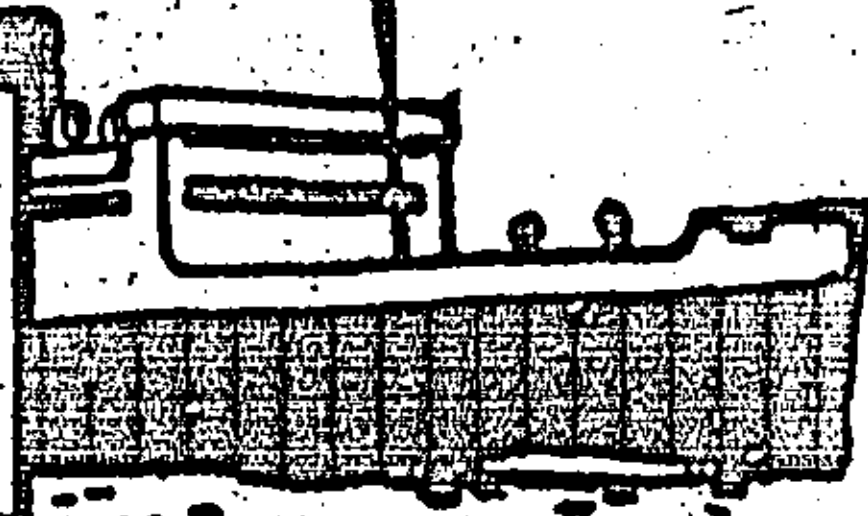
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1.20 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra.
6.32 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Trio and Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Gay Decoliers' Comedy.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

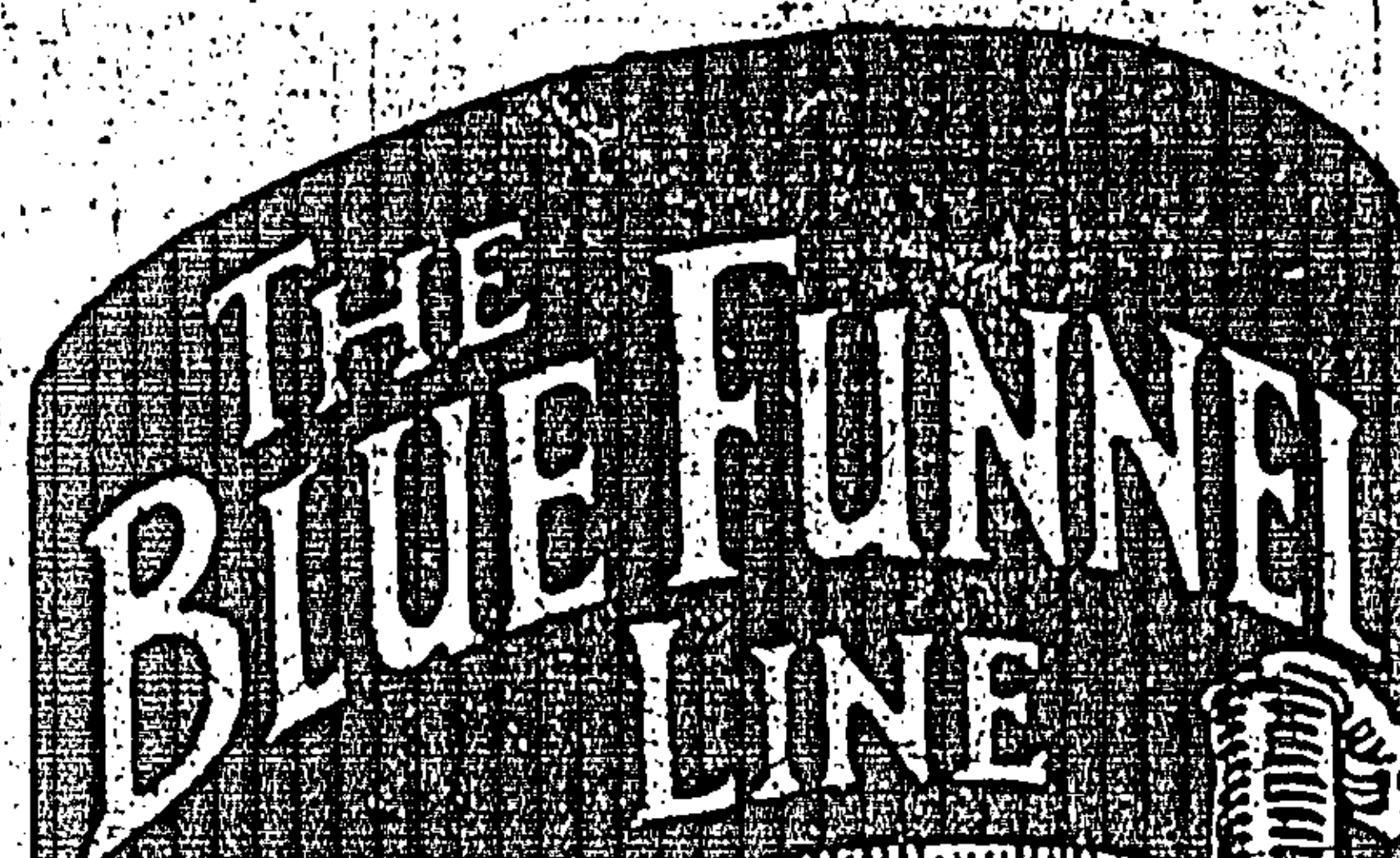
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

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He will also keep the central authority informed, prepare information for the relieving and operating officers and other officials and ensure that when the Women's Voluntary Services arrive, they will be given facilities to provide hot drinks and other assistance.

PALESTINE TO BAGHDAD BY TAXI

ANITA ENGLE, A lively, blackhaired Canadian girl has recently arrived in England after a hazardous journey which lasted two months. Her object? To be near her fiancé, who is in the Gunners.

She did not come from Canada. She was much nearer her destination—in Palestine, from which she could in normal times travel to London by air in three days.

She went to Palestine in February, in charge of 25 Czech, Austrian and German Jewish children.

All was quiet out there, "The Sea of Galilee," she said, "is the most peaceful spot I have ever seen." But she began to worry about her Gunner. And then she started her great trek.

Taxi To Baghdad

First, with six others, she took a taxi to Baghdad, and then to Basra.

"We were driven," she said, "by Mahomet, a magnificent Circassian who looked like a movie star. For hundreds of miles he drove, day and night, without rest. This wild drive took us

through places that tourists would give a lot to see. But we were in no mood for sightseeing just then."

Next step on the journey was two weeks' grilling in a ship on the Persian Gulf. "All the passengers except myself were on the way to America," said Miss Engle. "They couldn't understand why I wanted to go to England."

Then came a wait at Bombay for a British ship homeward bound from Australia with a cargo of food.

Christened Crossing Line

"Of the 1,500 people on board," said Miss Engle, "two hundred were civilian passengers. Three were young babies: they were christened as we crossed the Line. One elderly woman was going to England from Ceylon 'for her health,' she told me.

"Several elderly couples were going home because they could not bear to be out of the war.

"One mother, the wife of a Camel Corps officer from British Somaliland, had gone to Aden for the birth of her baby.

"There she had been bombed by the Italians when the child was only a few days old. But the baby had slept through it all."

"Man From Moonstone"

"They were amazingly cheerful, although from the Cape the boats were swung out and we wore our life-jackets all the time."

Among the naval ratings who travelled in that boat was a bit of a hero. He was "the Man from the Moonstone."

The trawler Moonstone, it will be remembered, attacked and captured a big Italian submarine in the Gulf of Aden last June.

The Man from the Moonstone, whose name was "Slinger" Wood, brought home an Italian diving suit for himself and silk underwear for his wife.

"A fine type of British sailor," said Miss Engle, "tall, tow-haired, blue-eyed and weather-beaten."

All on board that liner pictured an England shattered by bombs, starved by blockade. Most of them were desperately anxious about the possible fate of families and friends.

"We Were Wrong"

"We saw how wrong we were even before we reached port," Miss Engle said.

"A convoy of ships were steaming unmolested in harbour. And since landing we have seen a country that is far from being bombed to bits.

"Food? It seems to me that food in this country is better than before. Maybe it's because of the allotments that the vegetables are so good and so plentiful."

COMMUNITY SLEEP FOR MOTHERS

When the big night raids started, mothers found they were so busy looking after the children that they could not snatch any sleep in the shelters.

After the "All-clear" they managed to get in three or four hours rest; but toddlers, who sleep through the raids still "wake with the lark," disturbing their parents.

Now mothers in the London area have got together and have solved the difficult problem of catching up on lost sleep.

They take turns to look after each other's children. This enables each mother to sleep during the afternoon on alternate days, knowing that her children are safe should the sirens sound.

Whole streets are carrying out this "community nursemaid" idea.

SALUTE OR NOT?

To salute or not to salute? That is the question worrying men of the Home Guard.

In some sections commanding officers have issued instructions that men should not salute their officers; in others, the men are told that they must salute.

Ex-Regular Army officers now serving in the Home Guard are indignant at the no-salute order.

"No one has the right to order men of the Home Guard not to salute their officers," Captain H. H. Vincent, a machine-gun officer, said.

"The ruling point is this—the officers and men of the Home Guard wear the livery of the King. To decline to salute is, indirectly, an insult to the King.

"It must be remembered that when a man salutes an officer he is not saluting the officer, but the commission he holds from the King.

"Shake Hands"

In one section, a commanding officer rebuked an ex-Regular Army major for saluting him. "Every time you salute me, I shall not return the salute, but shall shake hands," he told the major, explaining that his version of the Home Guard was that it was a body of civilians.

Even the War Office does not know the answer to the problem.

"There has been no official ruling," a reporter was told. "It is really a matter for the men themselves to decide whether they salute as a matter of courtesy."

MAN SAID TO HAVE SECRET PLAN

A remand in custody for a week was ordered at Warrington, Lancs, when Thomas Duffy, a labourer lodging in a local hostel, was charged with having in his possession a certain secret document—a plan containing information which might be useful to an enemy—contrary to the Defence Regulations.

Evidence was given that police officers saw Duffy at the hostel on Saturday night in connection with his failure to register for military service. Because of his attitude and certain remarks he made, they searched him and, it was alleged, found a certain secret document in one of his pockets.

It was stated that, when asked to account for the possession of this document, Duffy made certain replies which it was not proposed to repeat at that stage of the case.

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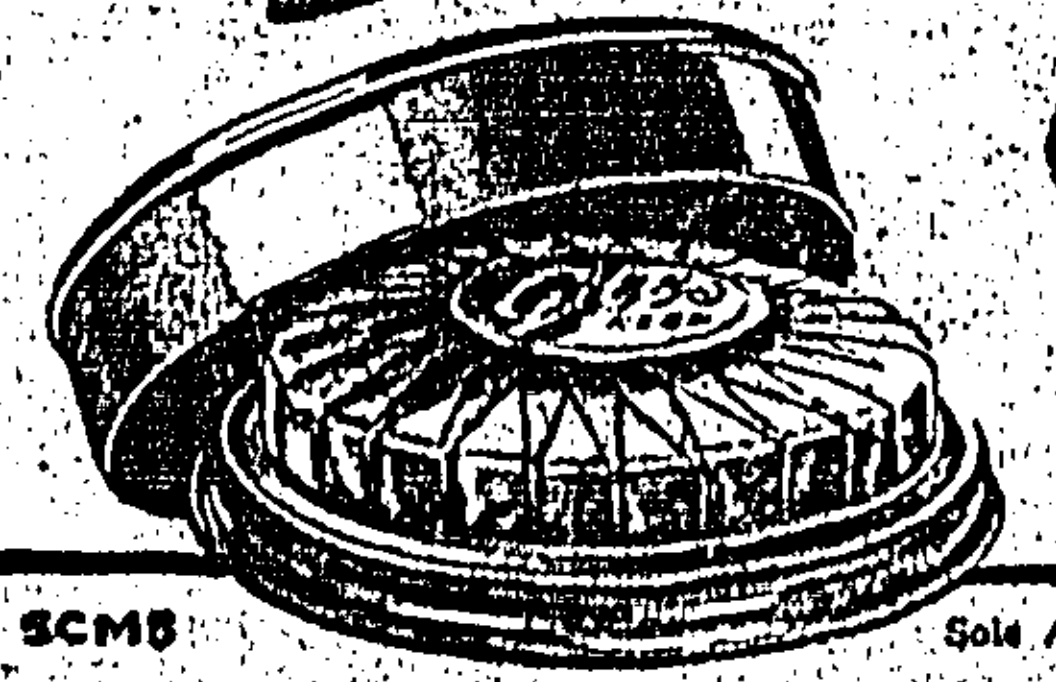
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DEFENCE PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER.

By "Referee"

THE defence in first class football teams in Great Britain has a tremendous responsibility on account of the acute competition among League teams. At the end of the season it is not unusual for a team to find itself only separated in the League Table by goal average to escape relegation to a lower Division.

In modern football the defence has two main functions—to defend and to attack. Some think the latter the best defence but it depends entirely upon the movements in the game, the speed of the opponent's forwards, and the ability of the backs to recover lost ground during a break-away in time to defend their goal.

The defence, if well-managed, can always attack by accurate long kicking to anticipating forwards waiting to receive the ball. Generally, however, the defence plays to defend and, at times, grimly for the full ninety minutes. Intelligent defensive work is a matter of absolute harmony between backs and half-backs, who cover each other when positioning in the face of a dangerous raid. This is not so much habit of play, but keen judgment in anticipating the angle or line in which the ball is likely to be passed.

Half-back play consists mainly in keeping the forwards well fed with goalward passes, and to help at back when hard pressed. The centre-half is the key position in the defence, and is mainly responsible also in opening up the game for the wing forwards. His position in modern football is becoming increasingly hard; the amount of work he has to get through during a normal League game is enormous. He heads the ball more times than any other three men in the team, and heading is one of the supreme qualifications in a centre-half-back. A centre-half should be tall, six feet or more, and weight not less than twelve stone.

The successful team is one generally possessing an outstanding centre-half-back. With the wing halves, he controls the spine of the team. His failure overworks the backs, harassing their position and giving an opening to a raiding offensive exploited by fast opposing forwards. Even the wing halves cannot completely cover his breakdown. To do so means leaving the outside forwards unmasked with disastrous results.

Halves Must Be Versatile

According to the fluctuations of the game the half-backs help either the forwards or the backs. A half-back has to be the most versatile player in the team. He opens up the game in attack, and by long, low passes gives his forwards the chance of moving towards the opposing goal.

One also finds him on his own team's goal-line repelling a stout attack. In successful defensive work his decision and well-judged movements bring renewed confidence to the whole team.

At dribbling and shooting the successful half-back should be an expert, and be of good physique. He should be able to execute a long place kick to relieve the back. He must possess tireless energy; upon him rests the great-

est strain of the game. He has always to be in the right place in the nick of time, and able at a glance to size-up the whole field. An adept at anticipation, the half-back, more than any of his fellow players, has to judge the intention of opponents.

Successful half-backs, hard-pressed when defending their goal, never unsight the goalkeeper. This is essential to intelligent half-back play, and brings confidence to backs and goalkeeper. The "open" defence is often far safer than "crowding" the goal and unsighting the goalkeeper who, with his hands as well as his feet, might very well be relied upon to clear his goal under most normal circumstances. Fluky goals are scored from "crowding" and scrammages in the goal mouth.

The last line of the defence are the backs. Their business is to defend. Rarely do they find a chance of attacking except in a well-placed free kick in the opponent's half. Successful backs have two minds with a single thought—stopping the forwards at all costs. They are the destructors of movements planned and being tried by opposing forwards. Their big job is keeping the invader away from the goal when he has beaten the half-back. Through hard tackling, and hard, well-placed kicking, he relieves the pressure and gives his forwards the chance of making ground in the opponent's half.

A successful back must be able to kick hard and accurately from any angle, and possess rare judgment in revelling the ball when it is diving down through the air. The well-placed kick, at the right length and height, often leads up to an attack resulting in a goal. It must not be thought that a back, because he is not in the picture every minute of the game, has merely to defend by punting the ball back up the field. His faultless work and defensive judgment often save his side from a bad collapse.

Under pressure from fast-moving forwards, it is a fascinating sight watching backs who are artists at the game. They cover each other's movements, and at the same time keep an eye on the goal. In emergency there is not one goalkeeper, but three! Successful defensive play by the backs is a matter of long and arduous practice, and the experience is gained only through many a heartbreaking game, and not a few mistakes which may have cost goals or even a couple of points.

The Ideal Goalkeeper

Finally, a first-class goalkeeper, apart from his abilities as a footballer, must have the gift of supreme self-control. His job bars excitement, neither must he lose his head under the hottest attack from the opposing forwards. He is confident, calm and self-possessed on all occasions. He must have super-eyesight, and never for a

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the week-end soccer programme:

Saturday	
FIRST DIVISION	
Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)	v Kwong Wah
Kowloon (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)	v Navy
Club (Club, 4.00 p.m.)	v South China
SECOND DIVISION	
South China (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)	v Service Corps
Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)	v Engineers
Club (Club, 2.30 p.m.)	v R. Scots
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)	v 35th R.A.
Signals (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)	v 7th R.A.
12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)	v Medicals
International (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	v Shell
20th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)	v 36th R.A.
Engineers (Military, 4.00 p.m.)	v Service Corps

Sunday	
FIRST DIVISION	
Eastern (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	v Police
Sing Tao (Club, 4.00 p.m.)	v St. Joseph's
SECOND DIVISION	
R. Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)	v Kwong Wah
Sing Tao (Club, 2.30 p.m.)	v 30th R.A.
THIRD DIVISION	
A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)	v 24th R.A.

FOOTBALL MATCH POSTPONED

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 35th Royal Artillery which should be played on Saturday at Chatham Road has been postponed owing to military duties of the former team.

moment neglect it. His gathering of the ball, his place-kicking, his agile movements in defending suggest the master goalie between the posts. When the ball comes as far down the field as the goalie, this is the last chance of stopping it from entering the goal. A goalkeeper's confident play finds an instant successful reflection in the work of the team.

The gifted defence is one player with six minds, and six minds in one player! It is the football fortress. Halves, backs, and goalkeeper acting as a machine, swift in that they will have some goals scored against them, they will make certain also that they do their work sufficiently well to give their own forwards the chance to score two to every one of their opponents.

The best defence gets scored against it sometimes—it also assures when initiating brilliant scoring openings, that the forwards have a sporting chance of making matters level.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

LAST week-end, two more games were played in the Garrison Billiards League between C. M. Police and Ordnance Corps, Signals, and 5th A.A.

Billiards	
Regt.	
The first game resulted in a win for the Police who scored 687 points against Ordnance who registered 687 points.	
C.M.P.	
L/C Thompson	150
L/C Willis	150
ORDNANCE	
Pte. Pophlow	93
Sgt. Gardner	130
L/C Paul	150
Signals	
Capt. Hyde	150
Sgt. Whitton	150
L/C Tegarty	150
5th A.A.	
Sgt. Pearson	133
Sgt. Brackenbury	150
L/C Pitcher	150
Total	
807	687

The second game between Signals and 5th A.A. resulted in a win for Signals, who scored 820, and A.A.s 809.

Signals	
Sgt. Pearson	133
Sgt. Brackenbury	150
L/C Pitcher	150
5th A.A.	
Bdr. Kennedy	150
Gnr. McManus	121
Sgt. Lewis	130
Total	
820	809

Breaks over twenty and over.

LAST Sunday Royal Air Force defeated Combined Military Hospital by one goal to nil in the Departmental Hockey League. This game was the final match and makes the Airmen winners of the Hockey Shield, which will be presented to them next Sunday after a match which is being arranged.

FEW SOCCER POSTPONEMENTS

It was generally thought, at the beginning of the football season, that Volunteer and military duties would cause the postponement of a large number of League games throughout the season and that the League would not be able to be carried on in a normal manner.

The first half of the season is now over and it is interesting to note that comparatively few matches have been postponed. Service teams have made arrangements, where possible, to play off postponed matches with the result that no game, in which two service teams are concerned, is outstanding.

With the Shield competitions starting soon, and dates especially set aside for these games, it is probable that some of the teams who are not drawn in the First Round, will play off their postponed games, thus easing the situation still further.

The following are the postponed games:

FIRST DIVISION	
Kowloon	v St. Joseph's
Club	v Kwong Wah
Club	v Royal Scots
Kowloon	v Club
Navy	v Police
SECOND DIVISION	
Sing Tao	v Navy
South China	v Engineers
Kowloon	v Ordnance
Ordnance	v Service Corps
Club	v Police
THIRD DIVISION	
International	v 35th R.A.
Engineers	v A.S.A.

SHIELD ENTRIES

Following are the entries for the Shield Competitions. The draw for the First Round will be made at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Football Association to-morrow.

SENIOR	
Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, and 12th Royal Artillery.	(12 teams)
JUNIOR	
Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, (2), Engineers, International, 12th R.A., Kit Chee, Ordnance, Signals, 30th R.A., Service Corps, Medicals, 24th R.A. and 36th R.A.	(22 teams)

FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

In preparation for the forthcoming "Sunday Herald" International Charity Series, Portugal are arranging a series of practices during the next fortnight. The following have been asked to attend these practices: U. B. Souza, R. Marques, D. Demme, C. Remedios, A. V. Gossano, A. J. Pereira, G. Fernandes, R. Maxwell, H. Campos, R. Rocha, C. Santos, J. Gomes, T. Alves, G. Gossano and B. Gossano.

ranged between Air Force and a representative team from the Small Units.

FOLLOWING dates have been fixed for the Area Boxing competitions to be held early next year.

Inter-Unit team boxing competition will be held at Murray Barracks on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13. Area Open Individuals and Boys' competitions will be held at Murray Barracks, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12 and 13, 1941.

The Open Inter-Unit Team competition will be held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 8, 9 and 10, 1941.

THIS week Army did not fare so well against the Kowloon Cricket Club who beat them by 7 wickets.

We must congratulate Capt. J. F. Lawrence in getting his first century of the season in 85 minutes for Club on Saturday. Sgt. Webb and Tropp were the Army's best performers, with the former scoring 27 runs, and the latter 24 runs not out.

The Army bowlers could not settle down, and they tried out six without any satisfaction. Last year, Hatfield proved a good bowler and it might be a good idea if they gave him another try this season.

Lieut. Fergus was Army's best bowler with two wickets for 24 runs.

At Sookunpoo on Saturday Ordnance Corps drew with Pay Corps, Ordnance scoring 153 for 7 declared, Emberson scoring 39 runs in which he hit seven fours, and Barnes made 31 runs in which he made four fours. Standing was their best bowler with 3 wickets for 25 runs.

Pay Corps replied with 123 for 7 wickets, Sgt. Murray making 70 runs out of the 123, and Lockhurst was the Pay Corps' best bowler taking 3 wickets for 32 runs.

On Sunday Pay Corps defeated 12th Hvy. Regt. by eight wickets. Stonor and Murray made a big stand. They realised 85 runs between them in which Stonor made 30 runs, not out, hitting seven fours, and Murray 42, not out, hitting six fours. In his innings, besides doing well with his bowling, by taking 5 wickets for 33 runs. The total score for Pay Corps was 115 for two wickets declared.

The Gunners scored 114 runs all out, with Denton making 27 runs, and Downes 10.

Next Sunday Headquarters cricket eleven will play Medicals at Sookunpoo, game starting at 2 p.m., and the following have been asked to play:

Brigadier T. McLeod, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Capt. A. W. F. Peal, S.Q.M.S. Taylor, Sgt. Chalmers, Sgt. Hemming, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Smart, Cpl. Ingelby, L/C Stonor and L/C Murphy. Reserves—Sgt. Murray, Gnr. Reid, Gnr. Baldwin and Pte. Holden.

FOR the first time at Caroline Hill on Saturday the Royal Scots first eleven lost to South China by 3 goals to nil.

The Engineers are still winning in the Second Division their latest victims being the Navy, whom they beat by eight clear goals on Sunday at Causeway Bay.

Service Corps are only one point behind them and a close finish is visualised especially since they have a good goal scoring record of 65 goals.

Engineers are the only remaining team in League this season not to have been beaten.

On Thursday "D" Company of Royal Scots will play 24th Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo in the Semi-Final of the Small Units football competition. Last week H.Q. Company of Middlesex beat H.Q. Company of Royal Scots by two goals to nil.

The Final will be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, December 18, at 4 p.m.

Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has kindly consented to present the Cups and Medals at the conclusion of the game to the winners and runners up.

ARMY easily accounted for Police in the Quadrangular Rugby tournament, on Saturday, when they won by 10 points to 3. This gives the Army a good chance of still being able to win the League now being on level terms with Navy, each having won one game and drawn one.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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BROTHER PUT FIGHTING BLOOD IN ZIVIC'S VEINS

A Real Champion Following A Slow Start

MOST FIGHT FOLLOWERS were astounded recently when Ferdinand Zivic, a despised short-ender, had Henry Armstrong flat on the floor at the end of 15 rounds in lifting the world welterweight championship at Madison Square Garden the other night, writes a correspondent from New York.

They remembered too many of the Pittsburgh lad's early reverses as a professional. Practically everybody beat Ferdinand, who took the name Fritz when he joined the Henry Armstrong money ranks.

But the youngest and last of the Five Fighting Zivics got going in 1937, when he knocked out Johnny Jadick and repulsed Bobby Pacho, Chuck Woods and another one or two.

And then, as his brother Jack, a fine lightweight in his day, remarked at the time, Fritz had fighting blood put in his veins.

Fritz nearly died of pneumonia. It was Jack's blood in a transfusion that turned the tide.

Doctors said Fritz would never fight again, but he was back in the thick of things on Christmas night of that year, when he dropped a decision to Tommy Bland in Pittsburgh.

Beat Angott, Meets Armstrong

An attack of pneumonia seemed to improve Tony Galento, and had the same effect on Fritz Zivic.

He started rolling in 1938, and has been hitting it up in high ever since. His only serious setback since his sick spell was a knock-out at the fists of Milt Aron in Chicago, but he had Aron in the slag four times before he was clipped.

Yet Fritz Zivic was doing one-night stands around the country until he qualified for the Armstrong match by beating Sammy Angott, the N. B. A. lightweight leader, in a non-title affair.

In seven years of boxing, Fritz has learned to do it all well. He can place his head against that of a rival and whale away until the cows come home, and he can box like blazes at long range. He has a fine left jab and a hook as well as the right hand uppercut to the body and chin which upset Armstrong. He takes a good belt and is totally unafraid.

Battered Armstrong May Hang Up Gloves

Zivic was then matched to meet Al Davis of Brownsville in a 15-round non-title battle at the Garden, November 15, and was signed to give Armstrong another chance, January.

Those close to Armstrong doubt that he will be ready to return to the wars in mid-January, however, and question whether he will ever fight again.

Zivic opened all the old cuts and some new ones. Armstrong has plenty of money, and may no longer have the urge when his wounds heal.

Armstrong's slashing style made nearly all of his many fights hard ones.

Those who saw the rough and cruel party at the Garden the other night would not give the Armstrong who has been so badly battered much of a chance against Zivic in a return bout.

For the Fritz Zivic, who so suddenly arrived after a slow start, is far from being a cheese champion.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is Sunday's Tournament hockey programme:

At 10.30 A.M.	
A. N. Other	v 5th A.A. "B"
Police "A"	v University
Recreo	v Nomads
At 4 p.m.	
Punjabis	v Gunboats
Destroyer	v Signals
Police "B"	v Khalsa
2nd M.T.B.	v 5th A.A. "A"

CONN NOT LIKELY TO MEET FARR

I take with the proverbial grain of salt reports that Tommy Farr can have a match with Joe Conn providing he will go to America, writes Norman Hurst.

I do not doubt for a moment that the big, young Welshman could be matched with Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, but I doubt even Mike Jacobs' ability to get Conn in the ring with Farr.

Against Farr, Conn, conceding two stone, would have everything to lose and nothing to gain, for Conn won his way to within hail of a match with Joe Louis, while Farr lost five matches over the other side.

Thus Conn's manager would put up the fight manager's age-old smoke-screen of "let Farr go and lick one of the others before he meets Conn."

On the record book Conn is shown as a consistent winner, while Farr is a constant loser so far as America is concerned.

Permit Question

Then there is the question of obtaining the "exit permit," the permission necessary to leave this country, which must be obtained for any male between the age of 16 and 60.

Mike Jacobs is said to have mentioned that the British Red Cross would benefit as the result of Tommy Farr travelling to America and fighting there, but "Uncle Mike" does not say whether the entire proceeds of this show are to be turned over to the British Red Cross or just a percentage of the receipts.

It must be chalked up to the credit of Farr that he says: "All he wants is his expenses out of the deal."

C.S.C. CRICKET TEAMS

On Saturday, the first and second teams of Civil Service Cricket Club will be engaged in friendly cricket matches. The first XI will be playing the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground at 2 p.m., and the second XI will also be meeting the I.R.C. at the same time, but on the home ground.

Following are their teams:
1st XI:—J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. L. Smith, N. Whitley.
2nd XI:—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, W. H. Colledge, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP

The following qualified in the December round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Captain's Cup during the week-end:
Old Course: K. S. Robertson 70-73 (23 entries).
New Course: H. A. Mills 80-80 (115 entries).

STUBBS SHIELD

Following are the results of the First Round of the Stubbs Shield Competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

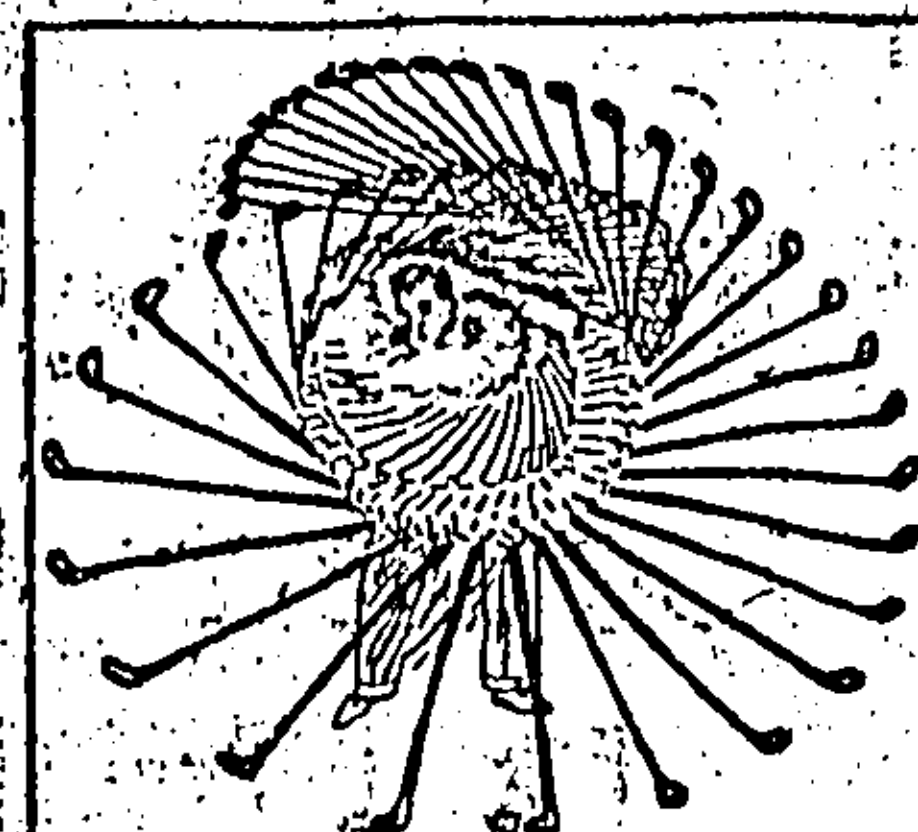
H.K. and Shanghai Bank beat C.S.O. at 19th.
R.A.O.C. beat Headquarters, China Command at 19th.
Education Dept. beat Army Dental Corps 4 and 3.
5th A.A. Regt. beat A.P.C. at 10th.
Dairy Farm beat H.K.V.D.C. 1 up.
J. D. Hutchinson & Co. beat Leigh and Orange 2 and 1.
Byes:—Gilman & Co., H.K.S.R.A., 12th Heavy Regt., R.A., Air Field Wardens, Port Office Dept., Butterfield and Swire, Dodwells, Govt. Medical Dept.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The women's sweepstake race over 7.8 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Redshank	4.29.49	Miss P. T. Pritchard	1
True Blue	4.30.24	Mrs. H. Crawhall Wilson	2
Gull	4.31.26	Miss B. M. Richards	3
Guri	4.34.42	Mrs. S. Christensen	4
Artemis	4.34.59	Miss N. Potter	5
Typrene Chai	4.36.03	Mrs. W. Whitaker	6

GRAPHIC GOLF



WHISTLE WHILE YOU SWING TO PROMOTE SMOOTH STROKE.
MUSCLES MUST BE LOOSE FOR SUCCESS.

SMOOTHING OUT THE STROKE

By BEST BALL

Whistling while one works at his golf stroke serves a two barrel purpose. In addition to keeping the player in good humour, under sometimes trying conditions, it aids a relaxed stroke. It is not recommended for use in actual play for one's opponent may take exception to the tune, particularly so if he has just blown a two or three foot putt. However it is useful on the practice tee.

Strive to maintain a rather low and even pitch all through the stroke. At first it won't be easy, it is quite likely to cease just a bit before

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS

The Medal Pool of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held over the New Course, Fanling, from November 23 to December 3 was won by Mrs. A. D. Humphreys 101-33=68.

Runner up Mrs. H. C. Margratt—98-25=71.

There were 21 entries, the fees for which are being donated to the Mobile Canteen Fund.

Entries for the Ross Cup have been extended until December 31.

A special Train will run from Kowloon at 9.42 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, for members of the A.N.S. and V.A.D. taking part in the Tombstone Competition.

The Draw for partners will take place about 10.30 a.m. in the Ladies' Clubhouse.

Handicaps will be given for the day.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. followed by the Presentation of the Prize.

the impact stage when the player is making his greatest swinging effort. It is here that tension creeps in and ties up the muscles. The whistle ceases abruptly. To keep up the tune the muscles must be loose. Practice will effect a cure and the reward will be smoother stroke free from halts and jerks.
Next Article:—Traps Can be Of Aid.

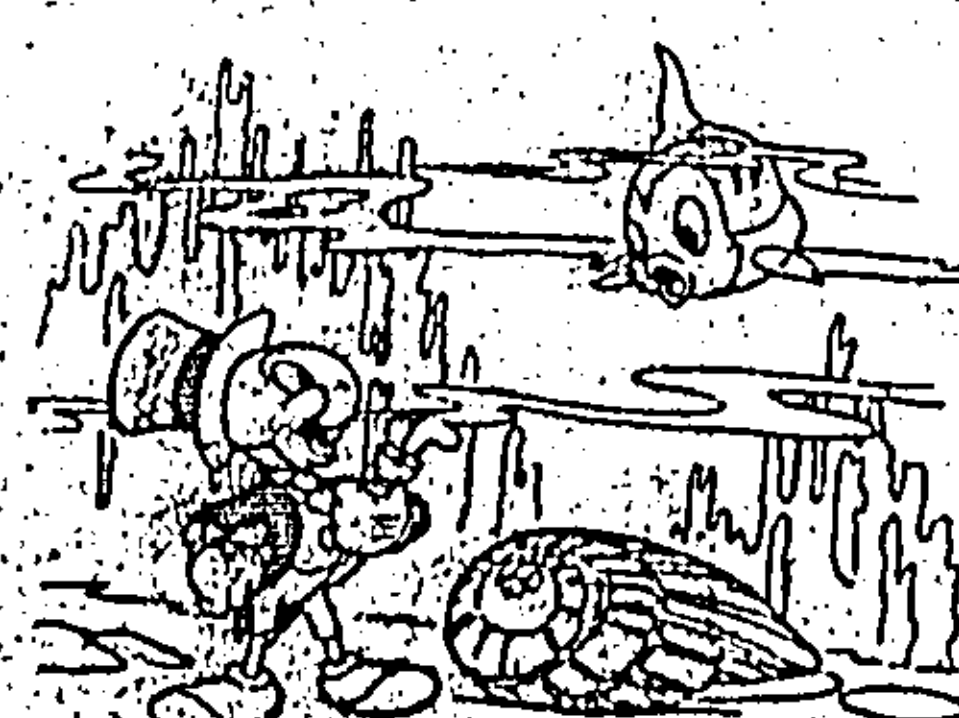


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GERMAN U-BOAT BASES IN FRANCE ATTACKED

Brest And Lorient Get Second Visit In 24 Hours

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN AFRICA

R.A.F. BOMBERS ATTACKED BENINA AERODROME, IN THE WESTERN DESERT, ON THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY, AND ONE HANGAR WAS COMPLETELY BURNED OUT AND THREE OTHER FIRES STARTED. ANNOUNCED THE R.A.F.'S EGYPTIAN HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Incendiary and high explosive bombs also fell among aircraft while one was set on fire.

A Rhodesian squadron bombed Adardeb, in Italian East Africa, achieving a direct hit on a machine-gun post. Several fires were started, bombs fell among stores and dumps and a second machine-gun post was silenced by machine-gun fire from R.A.F. aircraft.

Aemara was attacked on Saturday, causing a fire in hangars while a large petrol fire was started during a raid on Burria, in Italian East Africa. Enemy fighters intercepted during the raid and one R.A.F. plane was shot down. — Reuter.

BANKING SHARES GIVEN A BOOST

British banking shares continued on the London Stock Exchange yesterday quietly to enjoy a revival of interest but otherwise generally dull conditions prevailed, with prices in most groups following gilt-edged to slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues Greek and Chinese bonds hardened; others were quietly steady. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

DUSSELDORF AGAIN PRIMARY TARGET

THE R.A.F. MADE a return visit to German U-boat bases at Brest and Lorient on Sunday night — attacked only 24 hours before — as well as to that of Bordeaux.

A great fire was started among buildings between two of the dock basins at Bordeaux; and at Brest the roof of one dockside building was seen to fall in, while other bombs struck around the port, military and naval barracks and dry docks.

VICHY "PENALTY"

GENERAL DE GAULLE AND SEVERAL OTHER LEADING FREE FRENCHMEN HAVE BEEN "DEPRIVED OF FRENCH NATIONALITY," SAID A VICHY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY.

The others include Admiral Catroux and Colonel de Larminat. — Reuter.

GENERAL GROSSI TAKES OVER

General Camillo Grossi has been appointed President of the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria, in succession to General Pietro Pintor, who was killed in an aeroplane crash on Sunday, according to the official Italian news agency yesterday. — Reuter.

"We clouded Dusseldorf good and hard," said one pilot of a British bomber which participated in another concentrated attack on Sunday night on the large industrial area of Dusseldorf.

The pilot said the raid began shortly after 6 p.m. in bright moonlight. Visibility was excellent, the Rhine bridges being clearly distinguished.

One pilot, bombing from a height of several thousand feet, actually was able to see flames streaming from windows of a factory in the area of the chief target, which was again blast furnaces of the steel works manufacturing railway and shipping equipment and other war material.

Three large fires, and many small ones, followed the bursting of the first bombs.

Hundreds Of Incendiaries

The British aircraft then crowded in in quick succession, says the Air Ministry, dropping heavy bombs accurately on the steel works and pelting the entire area with hundreds of incendiaries.

Great banks of smoke obscured the scene for some of the late-comers but the pilots generally did not meet this trouble and as they returned to base one after another reported great destruction and stated that from 30 to 40 miles away it was plain that many fires had taken a firm hold. — Reuter.

DISORDER IN DENMARK

Many Nazis have been taken into custody after a disturbance at Haderslev, in Denmark, yesterday, it was reported in Stockholm.

Danish Conservatives also held a meeting on Sunday at which 15,000 people were present.

The ex-Minister of Commerce, M. Moeller, in a speech at the meeting, declared: "We don't believe foreign methods suit us."

"We believe in popular government, in the right to think and speak freely and the right to promote what we consider right."

"We are irrevocably united in our desires as Danes and Scandinavians."

Different Tone

A different note was sounded by M. Stauning at a Labour meeting in Copenhagen on Sunday, when he declared Denmark at present was one of the most fortunate countries in the world, since she preferred submission to destruction.

He claimed Denmark had more ample food supplies than most countries. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Feverish military preparations are going on in Formosa and Amoy following the appointment of the new Governor-General of Formosa, General Nakajima Yasutane, who is regarded as an influential member of the Japanese Young Officers' Clique and also a staunch advocate of the southward expansion programme, according to a Chinese despatch.

The report adds that among new measures adopted is the organisation of the "South Asia Surveying Corps," comprising 400 Japanese ronin, or trouble-makers, in different parts of the Straits Settlements and South Seas who are stated to be divided into ten groups for the purpose of collecting information. — Reuter.

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Marshal Badoglio, deposed commander of Italy's armed forces, yesterday paid Mussolini a farewell visit and they had "a cordial talk," according to the official Italian news agency.

Mussolini has posthumously awarded the Gold Medal of Military Valour to Marshal Balbo.

Announcing the award, Mussolini speaks of Marshal Balbo as "the faithful soldier of the Duce" who made "the supreme sacrifice of his heroic life while preparing to hurl his gallant troops and powerful air squadrons across the frontier."—Reuter.

GERMANY
AND THE
GREEK WAR

Germany desires to liquidate the Italo-Greek conflict as soon as possible, wrote the Rome correspondent of the Yugoslav newspaper "Politika" yesterday.

The correspondent adds, however, that Rome newspapers continue to insist that the Italians will themselves liquidate "the war against England now being waged on the Greek front."

Another Rome correspondent declares "the problem of eventual German help has not even come into question."—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S
BALANCE
SHEET

SIR FREDERICK PHILLIPS, UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE BRITISH TREASURY, CANCELLED THE APPOINTMENT AT THE UNITED STATES TREASURY IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE HAD MADE FOR YESTERDAY.

Cancellation, according to Treasury officials, was apparently because he had not yet completed the data which he wished to present in continuation of Friday's discussions.

Next conference is expected to be held to-day.—Reuter.

RUMANIA
DROPS
BLOOD-HUNT

The Rumanian commission of enquiry into the "crimes committed against the Iron Guard" during the previous regime has been dissolved because "all instigators of these crimes are either dead or have fled the country," stated a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

Last of the men against whom the commission had proceeded were massacred by Iron Guard extremists in Jiliva Prison a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

BRITISH
"ACE" GETS
D.S.O.

A pilot officer of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve who had already gained the D.F.C. and bar since September last receives the D.S.O. in the latest list of R.A.F. awards.

He is S. E. Lock, whose latest exploit in destroying two Messerschmidt 109's in action with his squadron against superior forces has brought his total success to 22.

When Lock gained the D.F.C. it was stated he had destroyed eight enemy aircraft within a week.

The bar to the D.F.C. resulted from a patrol action in the Dover area where he engaged three Heinkel 119's, shooting one down and destroying a Heinkel 12 immediately afterwards.

The D.F.C. is awarded to Acting Squadron Leader D. S. Macdonald, who has taken part in 81 missions against the enemy.

Sergeant A. Maxwell, who has destroyed 14 aircraft, gains a bar to the D.F.C.—British Wireless.

Large-Scale
Operations Started
Round Sidi Barrani

THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT YESTERDAY BEGAN OPERATIONS ON A SCALE LARGER THAN ANY YET INITIATED IN AFRICA SINCE THE START OF THE WAR, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Our troops were directed mainly against the Italians' right flank, along the top of the escarpment some 15 or 20 miles south of Sidi Barrani, Marshal Graziani's advanced base on the coast some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border.

Little can be said at present about the extent to which the operations may develop but it is known that for the past few weeks the whole of the enemy's forward line has been constantly probed by British armoured units making repeated sorties.

It is reasonable to suppose that if our forward units are able to capture positions commanding the escarpment they will be able to threaten the body of the Italian army entrenched in the coastal belt.

Following the Italian debacle in Albania it is evident that the moment has been well chosen to make Graziani fight.

In Initial Stage

The operation is still in its initial stage and it would be premature to discuss the ultimate possibilities of yesterday's successful engagement in full.

Nevertheless it is permissible to wonder what would be the effect of an Italian defeat at the present moment in this theatre of the war on Italy's war effort.

Reuter in London last night learned that the Western Desert operation is "of some importance," but that the full details have not yet been received in London.

500 Prisoners Taken

So far the only communiques on the developments have been issued in Cairo; the communique says a bag of 500 Italian prisoners has been secured by the British in operations in the Western Desert.

The prisoners, says the communique, were taken in an engagement south of Sidi Barrani.

Advance elements of the British forces, states our G.H.Q., are now in contact with the Italians on "a broad front."

In the Sudan, British patrols continued extensive activities in the Gallabat area and British artillery again successfully attacked and engaged enemy targets.

Operations Extending

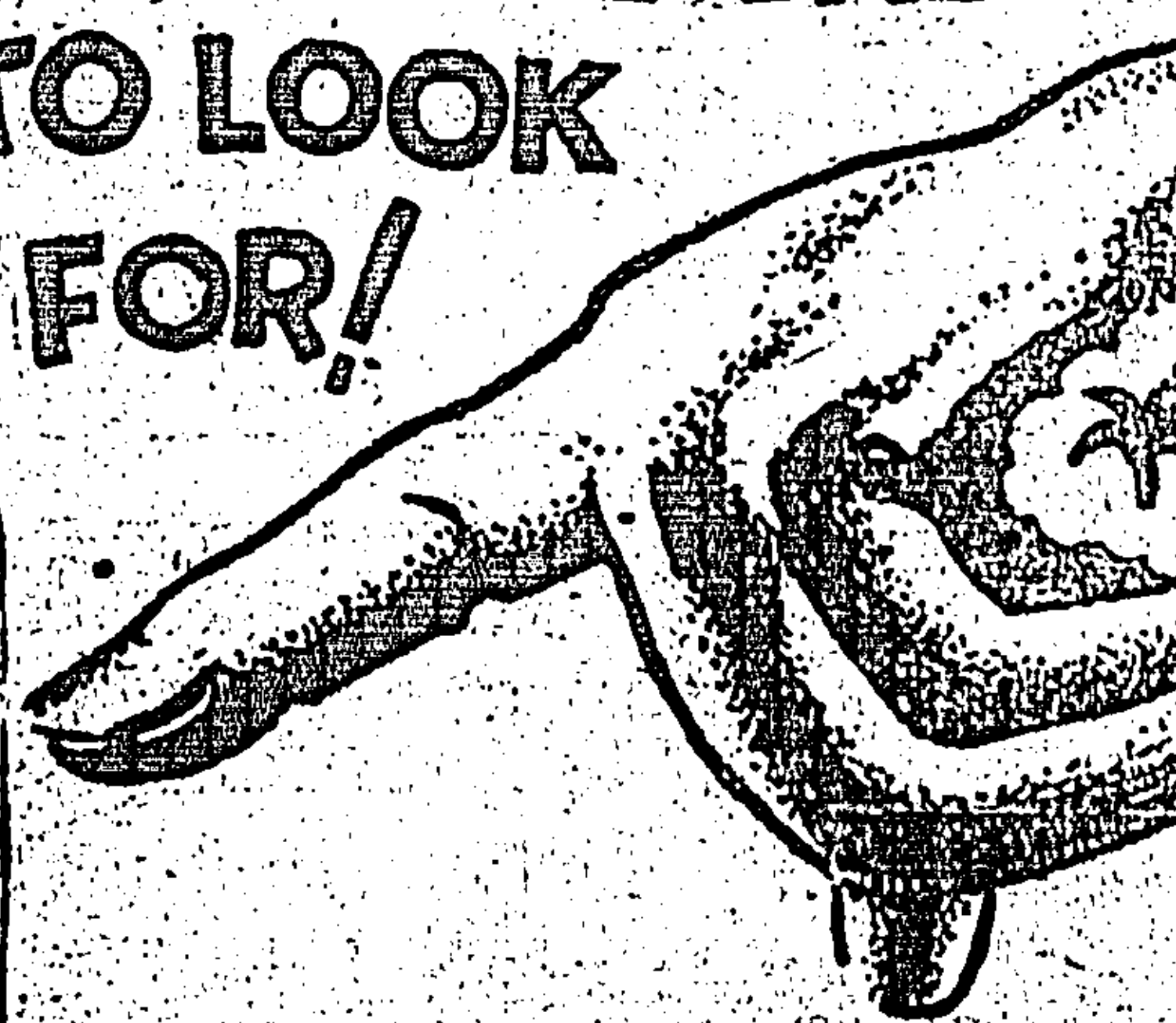
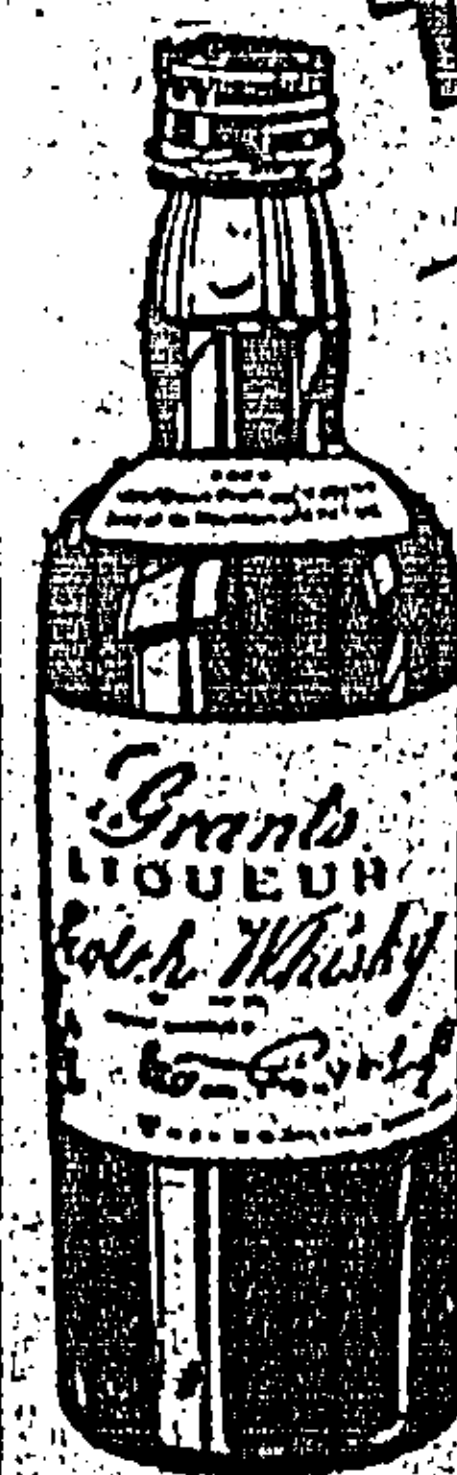
The operations are extending

BRAZILIAN
GESTURE

THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT CHARGES D'AFFAIRES TO NORWAY, HOLLAND AND POLAND, IN LONDON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The decision may be regarded as an extremely friendly gesture by Brazil to Britain.

This is the first visible outcome of the Willington Mission's visit to Brazil, and shows the sympathy which one of the largest South American nations feels for Britain in her struggle against the Dictators.—Reuter.

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Fire-Eating Matsuoka Comes Down To Honeyed Language

Only One More To Go!

The London Press yesterday was not slow to comment on the recent whole-sale resignations of Italian officers.

Typical, perhaps, was the "Daily Sketch," which printed a photograph on its front page.

The photograph shows Mussolini with three former leaders — Admiral Cavagnari, Badoglio and Marshal Balbo (who was mysteriously killed in an air accident last June) — bears the caption "Only one more to go!"

Several other British papers yesterday said that the removal of the one other will prove the only permanent settlement of Italy's differences.

"Signor Mussolini is alive to his own danger," commented the "Manchester Guardian."

"He knows what secret questions are being whispered among the Italian people" — Reuter.

CANADIAN AIRMEN JOIN UNITS

THE R.A.F. YESTERDAY WELCOMED MORE CANADIAN AIRMEN WHEN A FRESH CONTINGENT ARRIVED AT A BRITISH PORT YESTERDAY.

These Canadians were trained under the Empire air training scheme and are fully qualified pilots and craftsmen. They will join R.A.F. units in various parts of the country.

All said that they were "itching to get at Jerry."

To whatever unit they may be sent, it is almost certain that they will find other Canadians and men from the Dominions who have already hit the enemy hard in bombers or fighters — Reuter.

Extraordinary Mixture Of Naivete, Half-Truculence

"JAPAN WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO FIGHT IF THE UNITED STATES WENT TO WAR WITH GERMANY. JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY WILL HENCEFORTH REVOLVE ROUND THE THREE-POWER PACT, JUST AS IT USED TO REVOLVE ROUND THE ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN."

These were two of a number of striking statements on Japan's future foreign policy since she signed the Three-Power Pact and made yesterday by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, to foreign journalists in a talk lasting over an hour and a half.

"We thank the West for many of the things we have imported but we regret we imported some greedy notions, too," declared Mr. Matsuoka.

Deplores Ideas of Conquest Borrowed From The West!

"There is in this country a group of people enamoured of Western ideas of conquest but thoughtful and responsible sections of public opinion are fighting against it!"

"Should these ideas of conquest prevail, Japan could be said to have failed in her effort to construct a new order in East Asia."

While emphasising Japan's loyalty to the Three-Power Pact with Germany and Italy, Mr. Matsuoka said he hoped Japan

would be able to keep out of the European conflict.

Conciliatory Mood

He disclaimed any aggressive intentions towards the Netherlands East Indies, expressed hope for American "understanding" and spoke in conciliatory terms of Japan's relations with Soviet Russia.

Japan's policy in China would remain unchanged.

Questioned about Japan's intentions in "the South Seas re-

WANG REGIME TO ISSUE NEW NOTES

The Nanking regime is issuing its own currency on Jan. 15, according to a Trans-Ocean report from Nanking to-day, but will continue to recognise Chungking Government notes for a certain period, after which Chungking notes will be exchanged at par for Nanking notes and the former declared valueless in occupied territory. — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW TANK CHIEF

Attainment on a definite stage in the policy of rapidly increasing the armoured strength of the British Army is marked by a new appointment, namely, Commander of the Royal Armoured Corps.

First occupant of the post, whose appointment was announced in London yesterday, will be Major-General Giffard le Quesne-Martel. He served on the Staff of the Tank Corps in the last war and has been Deputy Director of Mechanisation at the War Office.

It was also officially announced yesterday that Lt. Gen. Alexander, who served with distinction in France and Belgium during the present war and was in command of the B.E.F. during the last days of the evacuation from Dunkirk, is now appointed to the Southern Command.

He replaces General Auchinleck, whose appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was recently notified. — Reuter.

RONIN TO CREATE TROUBLE

Feverish military preparations are going on in Formosa and Amoy following the appointment of the new Governor-General of Formosa, General Nakajima Yasutane, who is regarded as an influential member of the Japanese Young Officers' Clique and also a staunch advocate of the southward expansion programme, according to a Chinese despatch.

The report adds that among new measures adopted is the organisation of the "South Asia Surveying Corps" comprising 400 Japanese ronin, or trouble-makers, in different parts of the Straits Settlements and South Seas who are stated to be divided into ten groups for the purpose of collecting information. — Reuter.

VICHY "PENALTY"

GENERAL DE GAULLE AND SEVERAL OTHER LEADING FREE FRENCHMEN HAVE BEEN "DEPRIVED OF FRENCH NATIONALITY," SAID A VICHY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY.

The others include Admiral Catroux and Colonel de Larminat. — Reuter.

GENERAL GROSSI TAKES OVER

General Camillo Grossi has been appointed President of the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria, in succession to General Pietro Pintor, who was killed in an aeroplane crash on Sunday, according to the official Italian news agency yesterday. — Reuter.

CASTEL BENITO DAMAGE LARGE

Photographic reconnaissance has confirmed extensive damage done during the raid on Castel Benito, near Tripoli, on Saturday, a communiqué from R.A.F. H.Q. in the Middle East said yesterday. — British Wireless.

gion," Mr. Matsuoka said: "Our ultimate aim is to establish a sound understanding with the Netherlands East Indies Government to enable us to participate in the peaceful economic development of the Dutch possessions."

"Japan has no interests other than economic in the Netherlands East Indies."

"Status Quo" Quibble

Reminded of his predecessor's statement that Japan was interested in the maintenance of the status quo in "the South Seas region," Mr. Matsuoka said changes were constantly taking place in a troubled world.

"Some of these changes are so sudden that Japan certainly has no intention of impeding them."

"Japan has no territorial ambitions," he continued. "She is helping her neighbours in greater Asia so that all peoples in this part of the world will be free to determine their own destinies."

"We are against the conquest and exploitation of East Asia: the countries, whether by Japan or any other nation."

Three Power Pact

After making the statement cited at the beginning of the interview regarding the Three-Power Pact, Mr. Matsuoka added: "Essentially the pact is a peace treaty intended to prevent other powers joining in the European war or the China affair."

"Asked how the pact would be applied if the United States became involved in the European war," Mr. Matsuoka replied: "The signatories of the pact would be called on to consult together as to whether the case came under the provisions of Article III. 'I hope such an eventuality will never occur.'"

Mr. Matsuoka added that even serious differences between Japan and the United States should "never lead to a fatal clash as to precipitate the catastrophe of war if only both of us mind our own business."

Foolish To Fight

"We hope and pray we may reach a better understanding. It would be foolish for Japan and the United States to fight."

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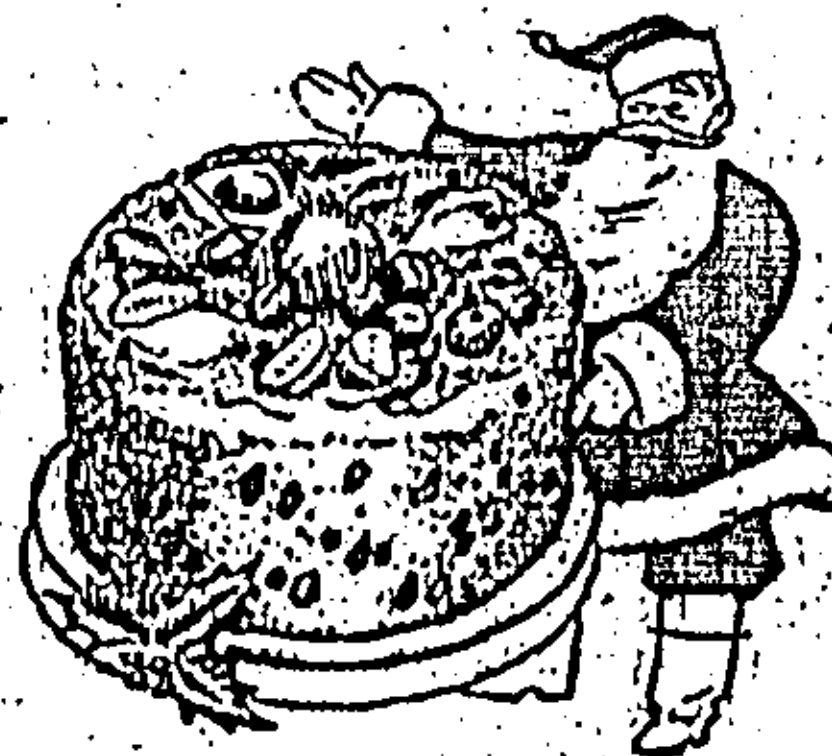
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STIFFER ITALIAN RESISTANCE

Greeks Advancing Cautiously Against The Flanks

Bayonet Charges In Battle For Argyrokastron

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEKS ARE ADVANCING CAUTIOUSLY TOWARDS CHIMARRA, 22 MILES WEST OF ARGYROKASTRON, ON THE COAST BETWEEN SANTI QUARANTA AND VALONA, IT WAS STATED IN ATHENS LAST EVENING.

GREEK LOSSES SMALL

Argyrokastron, whose capture by the Greeks was officially announced on Sunday, has only been slightly damaged and the Greeks have taken large quantities of Italian equipment there.

A correspondent who entered the town on the heels of the Greek infantry troops says that earlier reports describing the town as almost completely devastated by fire are greatly exaggerated.

Greek losses in the operations leading up to the fall of Argyrokastron have been small, he reports.

One expedient forced on the Italians was the use of tanks to protect their retreating troops, but even this was unsuccessful against the courage and tenacity of the Greeks.

The Greeks are not resting on their laurels and the latest reports state that they are maintaining contact with the retreating Italians and continually harassing them. — Reuter.

"AUSTRIANS ARE NOT ENEMIES"

"Pinpricks" because she is an enemy subject — although "Austrians are not your enemies" — were referred to in two long messages written by Felicity Ann Williams, a twenty-seven-year-old Austrian woman, accused at Maidenhead, Berks, of trying to commit suicide by gassing herself.

In one passage Williams wrote: "My nerves are at breaking point. If I were to wait perhaps I would see Austria again free. I wish you victory. I am not your enemy."

It was stated that Williams, a journalist in her own country and now working as a domestic servant, came to Britain in February, 1939.

She was put on probation for twelve months and allowed to resume her employment at Cookham, Berks.

PUT FLEX IN MOUTH, KILLED

A baby pushed a steel pin into the flex of an electric kettle, then put the flex into her mouth and was electrocuted.

That was the theory at the inquest at Biggleswade, Beds, on Barbara Frances Tucker, aged twenty-one months, daughter of an East End wharf superintendent.

The child had been evacuated to Biggleswade with her mother. It was stated that the steel pin was found near the child. From the marks on her hands and lips it was assumed that she placed the pin into the end of the lead and put it to her mouth, thus completing the circuit.

The movement threatens the flank of the Italians who are withdrawing northward from Santi Quaranta.

Reports received in Athens indicate that the Italian rearguards are stubbornly resisting the Greek push and are employing tactics designed to draw on small detachments of Greeks which would be vulnerable to counter-attack.

A cavalry screen has been thrown out by the Greeks in order to counter this plan.

Bitter fighting is raging in the centre of the present 80-mile long front where Italian resistance is reported as being very fierce.

Indication of the actual situation, however, is seen in orders found in the possession of an Italian officer captured at Premeti, instructing him to shoot any Italian who "unnecessarily re-fired."

Hard Fighting

Details only just available of the Greek capture of Argyrokastron show that the success was achieved only after hard fighting in the suburbs of the town during the night.

Finally a bayonet charge by the Greeks in the early hours of the morning dislodged the Italians from their positions and bedraggled, weary and triumphant, the Greeks staged a victory march through the town during a heavy downpour of rain and sleet.

Many advance detachments of Greeks are not well supplied with food and in Argyrokastron it was found that the Italians had destroyed food and ammunition.

Much war material, however, was left intact.

Meanwhile all Greece has been celebrating this latest victory.

Resurrection Kiss

In Epirus, people have been giving each other the "Resurrection Kiss," usually reserved for Easter Sunday morning.

In bomb-scarred Salonika people gathered in the blacked-out streets singing patriotic songs.

There were shouts of "The Docecanese" and women cried "Into the sea with the Maccaronides." — Reuter.

PORTER AS 'MIDWIFE' ON PLATFORM

A young porter and a station inspector acted as "midwives" when a baby was born to Mrs. Constance Bruce, of Albert Road, Huddersfield, on the platform at Huddersfield Station.

Mrs. Bruce had just boarded a train for Sheffield when she pulled the communication cord. A few minutes later her baby, a girl, was born.

After she had received attention she was taken to hospital in an ambulance, and the porter, carrying the baby wrapped in a tea cloth, followed her. Mother and baby are doing well. The porter was too bashful to speak of his experience.

EXECUTION IN BORDEAUX

The German-controlled Paris Radio yesterday announced that a French wine-merchant had been executed at Bordeaux for "committing an act of violence against a member of the German armed forces."

This is the latest of many indications from French wireless stations of the extent of the resistance to the Germans in occupied France.

Lyons Radio yesterday again spoke of the secret printing places in Paris and of the wide distribution of patriotic pamphlets.

The German press and radio spoke of the "foolishness of resistance" and again went for the students of Paris (who, it will be recalled, staged a riot on Armistice Day).

These students form a useful scapegoat for the Nazis who can abuse them without admitting the wide-spread nature of the anti-German and anti-Vichy sentiment in France. — Reuter.

PRINTING PRESS FOR RUMANIA

GERMANY CAN SEND UNLIMITED EFFECTIVES INTO RUMANIA SINCE THE NUMBER OF SUCH EFFECTIVES IN RUMANIA IS NOT LIMITED BY ANY CLAUSE IN THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN PACT SIGNED IN BERLIN DURING THE VISIT OF GENERAL ANTONESCU, ACCORDING TO THE ISTANBUL CORRESPONDENT OF THE FREE FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The correspondent adds that the National Bank of Rumania has ordered a new printing press from Germany to increase the country's technical capacity for printing notes as the present capacity of 90 million lei daily is insufficient to meet new extraordinary expenses due to the territorial amputations, the recent earthquakes and the German occupation. — Reuter.



Lieutenant R. B. Wood, R.N.V.R., and his bride, Miss Isabella Joan Seath, daughter of Mr. W. P. Seath of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, photographed after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. (King's Studio).

COLONIAL BEINDED OFFICE M.O. HERO DECORATED

The Secretary for Colonies has appointed Dr. A. G. H. Smart his medical adviser, succeeding Sir Wilson Jameson, who relinquished post upon his appointment as chief medical adviser in the Ministry of Health in November. Dr. Smart served in the Malayan Medical Service from 1912 and was senior medical adviser in St. Vincent from 1935 to 1938 since when he has been assistant medical officer in the Colonial Office. — British Wireless.

Jan Lasowski, a Pole who fought at Narvik, where he was wounded in both eyes and totally blinded, was decorated yesterday by General Sikorski with the "Virtue Military," highest Polish order for military valour. Lasowski, member of the Polish regiment "Chasseurs de Montagne" has since he was wounded, been a patient at St. Dunstan's. — British Wireless.

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AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN VICHY

AMERICAN POLICY towards France was stated by well-informed circles in Washington yesterday to be threefold:—

Firstly, to make it widely known that American friendship would be sacrificed in the event of French military collaboration with Germany;

Secondly, to give some tangible evidence of goodwill, for example, the distribution of milk for French children and medical supplies for French sick;

Thirdly, to strengthen the French colonies and enable them better to resist M. Laval's efforts to induce them to join any arrangements to assist Germany.

It is now generally accepted in Washington that the appointment of Admiral William Leahy as Ambassador to Vichy is at least partly designed to strengthen the influence of Marshal Petain at the expense of the Axis-minded Laval.

North Africa Trip

Now comes a report that Mr. Robert Murphy, newly-appointed Counsellor of Embassy to Vichy, will visit North Africa en route, ostensibly to examine conditions 'here, but he will doubtless see General Weygand and discuss the economic needs of the North African colonies.

According to another report Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, recently had placed before General Weygand such a firm statement of policy that Weygand was quite astonished, thus indicating he had not been adequately or accurately informed by his colleagues in Vichy.

Economic Warfare

It is reported in Washington that the French press under M. Laval has sedulously spread the idea that America favours the new order in Europe, and Admiral Leahy is expected to take every opportunity to make the American position clear.

It is thought the United States may approach the British economic warfare authorities in regard to allowing milk for French children and medical supplies for the sick through the blockade, if it can be ensured that the Germans cannot divert these supplies.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL INSPECTS TROOPS

Sir Cyril Neville, who is leaving England in the near future to become Governor-General of New Zealand, inspected units of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force yesterday in the South of England.

He took the salute from a Maori battalion and commented on their smartness on parade. He saw infantry, artillery and medical units and spoke to many officers and men.—British Wire- less.

COUNCIL DISPUTE WITH COMMITTEE

Reeth (Yorks) District Council has accepted the resignation of the local Billeting Committee and rescinded a motion that all persons refusing to accept billeting notice would be prosecuted.

It was also decided to postpone summonses on four people who were alleged to have refused to billet evacuees.

The decisions followed a letter from the billeting committee alleging that the council had failed to carry out its duties in enforcing the law.

Two members of the council will act as voluntary helpers to the chief billeting officers until a new committee is appointed.

UNDER-5'S FIRST

"Any country that does not care about its small children might as well pack up," declared Mr. J. B. Priestley in a broadcast appeal on behalf of the "under fives."

It was a combined appeal for the Save the Children Fund, the National Society of Day Nurseries, the Nursery Schools Association of Great Britain and the National Council of Maternity and Child Welfare.

"Hurricanes, Spitfires, bombers, tanks, battleships—these are all very fine; a wall of steel around our ancient liberties," he said.

"But unless within that wall the babies and small children are doing well, on the way to becoming healthy, sensible citizens, it is all nonsense."

The little "under five" had come into a world where everybody was busy and every now and then there were terrible wallings of sirens and banging of guns and bombs.

"If we are not fighting this war on behalf of our small children, what on earth are we fighting it for?" he asked.

FIRE WATCH MADE COMPULSORY

Fire watching has been made compulsory by the Ministry of Home Security.

Watchers must be present at all times in all premises in which more than thirty persons work or in any premises the whole or any part of which is used as a warehouse of greater capacity than 50,000 cubic ft. and any saw mill or timber yard containing more than 50,000 cubic ft. of timber.

The order does not apply to a warehouse when it is empty, or to premises which form part of any mine or quarry.

During a hostile attack or an air raid warning, the fire watcher must be in readiness to attack an outbreak of fire and summon assistance, and to use such fire fighting appliances as may be available.

SOLDIERS' PAY HINTS

Almost all delays in the receipt of soldiers' allowances are due to one of two causes; failure on the part of the soldiers to fill up the necessary forms correctly, or failure on the part of the orderly room of his unit to make a proper return to the regimental paymaster quickly.

These were the conclusions reached at a conference at York and several "do's" and "don'ts" were then suggested for soldiers and their wives.

"Don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange clerk when you register, or the recruiting officer, that you are married or wish to apply for dependant allowance," said the Command Paymaster of the Northern Command.

Promise To Mother

"If you get married after registering and before you are called up, don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange at which you registered.

"If you promised your mother to give her an allotment, don't forget to fill up the form.

"Never send marriage or birth certificates without a securely fixed note giving full particulars, including regimental number and regiment.

"Always notify immediately any change of address, any change in domestic circumstances, and the arrival of a new child.

"Remember that increased compulsory allotment consequent upon promotion is not payable until the end of the probationary period, which may be from three to twelve months.

"Most important of all is to remember to quote the regimental number and name of the regiment in all correspondence."

LET OFF: HELMET WAS GIFT

William Philpott, garage proprietor, accused at a North-Western police court of failing to report the finding of a German flying helmet and moving it from the scene of a crash, was let off on his plea that the helmet was a gift from the pilot.

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JEW SUSS FLEES IN WOMAN'S DRESS

LION ("JEW SUSS") FEUCHTWANGER, aged fifty-six, writer of tales of human tragedy and falling empires, has arrived in New York to end a flight across Europe as exciting and fantastic as anything in his novels.

Small, frail and insignificant, he did not look as if he had a great story to tell when he stepped off among all the baggage and bustle from an American liner, the Excalibur.

But in faltering English Feuchtwanger, who is a German Jew, told how he escaped from a French internment camp after the armistice and fled to safety disguised as a woman.

He went to France when Hitler came to power, and there he wrote bitter pamphlets against the despoilers of his homeland and persecutors of his race.

Weekly Bathe

When the Germans marched into France he was No. 1 on the "Must be killed" list. He was arrested in May, after hiding in the Pyrenees and sent to a concentration camp at Nimes.

Feuchtwanger was permitted to bathe once a week in the river near the camp. "It was during this weekly glimpse of freedom," he said, "that I gained my freedom."

"A young American smuggled me woman's clothes. I took them in a bundle to the river.

"While I was bathing I managed to change under the water. Then I dashed to a car which was waiting at the water's edge and we drove away.

"The French guards halted us. The driver said we were American citizens, and that the woman had just fallen into the river. The guards stepped back and we drove to freedom."

Existence in the French camp, said Feuchtwanger, was on an animal level.

"Food and water were at a premium, and there was no provision for sanitation."

After his escape from Nimes Feuchtwanger hid for six weeks in a French city. He never went into the street, never looked out from the windows.

At last, Mrs. Feuchtwanger managed, through the help of friends, to join him. To get to Lisbon they obtained false passports and papers of safe conduct, again through the efforts of the unnamed American. And at midnight they were smuggled across the border.

NO MOTIVE MURDER CASE

Homeless Stanley Edward Cole, aged twenty-three, a wood machinist, has been sent for trial at the Old Bailey accused of murdering a married woman—a crime for which the prosecution could suggest no motive.

The woman was Mrs. Doris Eugenia Girl, aged twenty-nine, of Hartfield-crescent, Wimbledon, found dead at her home with a stab wound in the back. Cole was wearing a blue open neck sports shirt when he appeared in the dock at Wimbledon yesterday. Told he could sit down, he said: "I prefer to stand."

Mr. Vincent Evans prosecuting, said Cole was unmarried. Mrs. Girl was the wife of a man serving with a balloon barrage. She had one child, a girl of eight.

Cole and the woman were on quite friendly terms. Mr. Girl also appeared to have been on friendly terms with Cole.

Confessed, Say Police

There seemed evidence that when the husband was away Cole slept on a sofa in the kitchen. When the husband came home on leave Cole slept at the house at Mr. Girl's request. About 12.40 a.m. on August 23, said Mr. Evans, Cole staggered up against the door at Wimbledon Police Station.

He said: "I've killed a woman at Hartfield-crescent." He started to sob and said: "I stabbed her in the back. Why did I do it?"

When police went to the house they found the woman lying on her back on the floor. A carving knife was still in the wound.

Cole made a statement in which he said: "I picked up a knife from the table and stabbed her in the back. It ran through her like running butter."

Mr. Evans said the prosecution were unable to suggest any motive. There was evidence of quarrels, but there was nothing to suggest that they had had a quarrel that night. There was no sign of any struggle. Cole appeared to have stabbed the woman without warning.

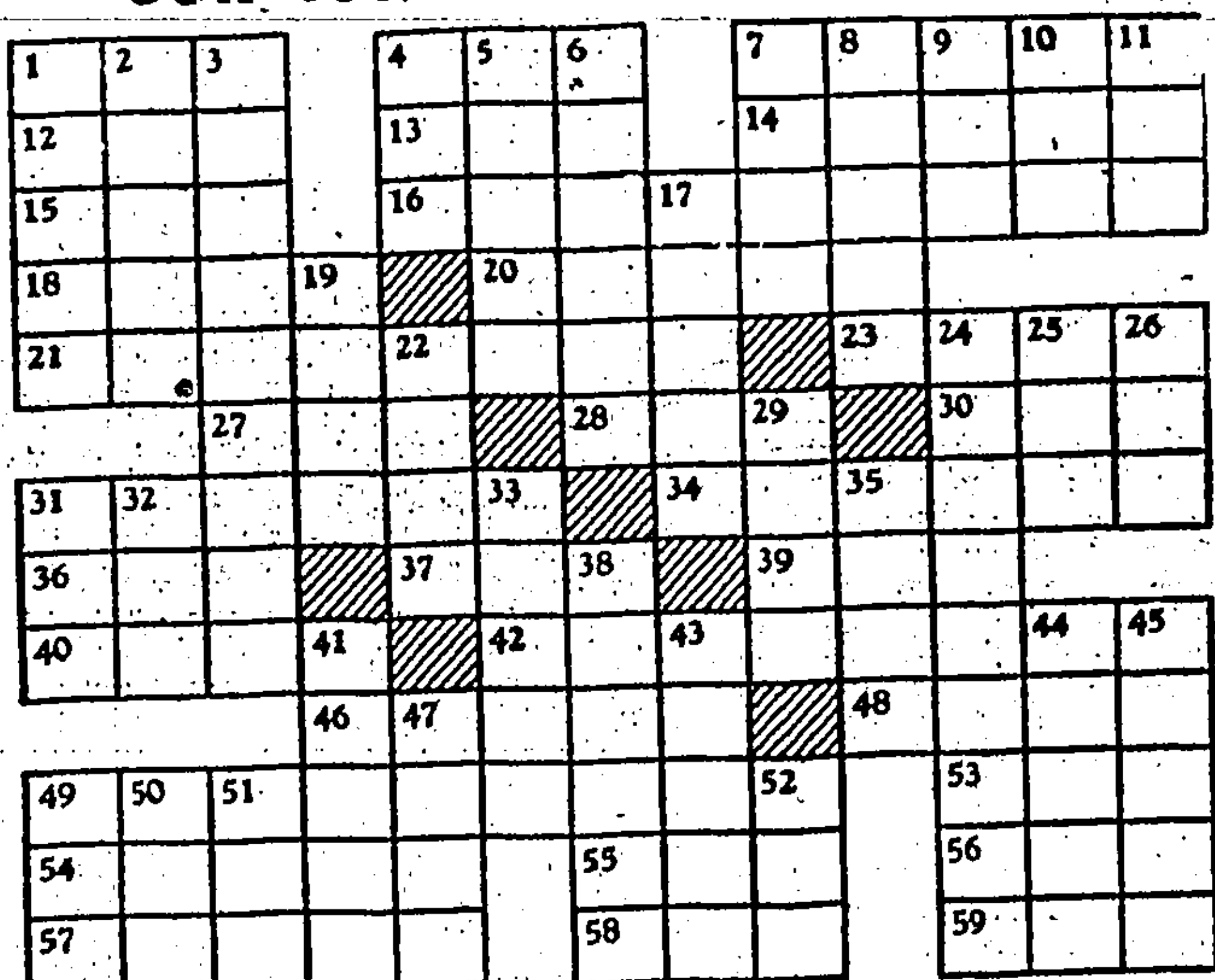
SOVIET IS LENIENT

The Soviet authorities are reported to be adopting a more lenient attitude towards the Polish population of White Russia and the Western Ukraine. Many imprisoned Poles have been freed.

The pro-German Ukrainian, Hetman, Skoropadski, is now in Cracow, in German-occupied Poland, and a Ukrainian legion is being formed with headquarters in Cracow and detachments in three other towns.

It is suggested by Poles in London that the friendly attitude of Russia to the Poles is a result of German attempts to use Ukrainians for anti-Russian activities.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To taste
- 4 To allow
- 7 Unduly conceited persons
- 12 Prefix: three
- 13 Wing
- 14 Slanderous statement
- 15 Fuel
- 16 Deceitfulness
- 18 Alt
- 20 Cessation of life
- 21 Court of equity
- 23 Ireland
- 27 Tibetan gazelle
- 28 To place
- 30 Biblical name
- 31 Russian seaport
- 34 Country in Europe and Asia
- 36 Animal hair
- 37 Hindu cymbals
- 39 Burmese demon
- 40 Examination
- 42 Avariciousness
- 46 Sun-dried brick

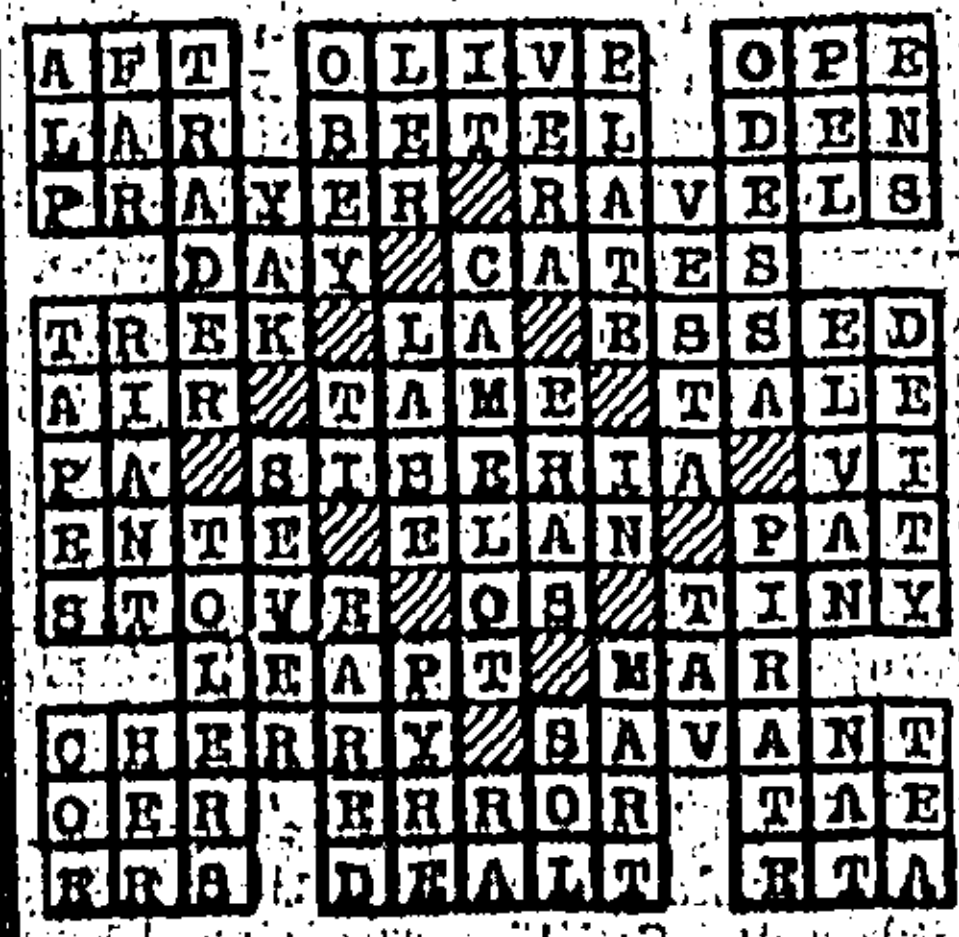
VERTICAL

- 1 Impassive
- 2 Celtic
- 3 Looters
- 4 Youth
- 5 To escape
- 6 Lessons
- 7 Gradually
- 7 Narrow opening

VERTICAL

- 8 Recess in a wall
- 9 Japanese sash
- 10 Wager
- 11 Furtive
- 17 Stratagem
- 19 Man's name
- 22 To throw
- 24 One who inculcates
- 25 Brazilian coin
- 26 Period of time
- 29 Food fish
- 31 Poetic: often
- 32 Owing
- 33 Brother of Moses
- 35 Pouches
- 38 Pertaining to lips
- 41 Makes docile
- 43 Insignificant
- 44 Coronet
- 45 City in Belgium
- 47 French actress
- 49 Hat
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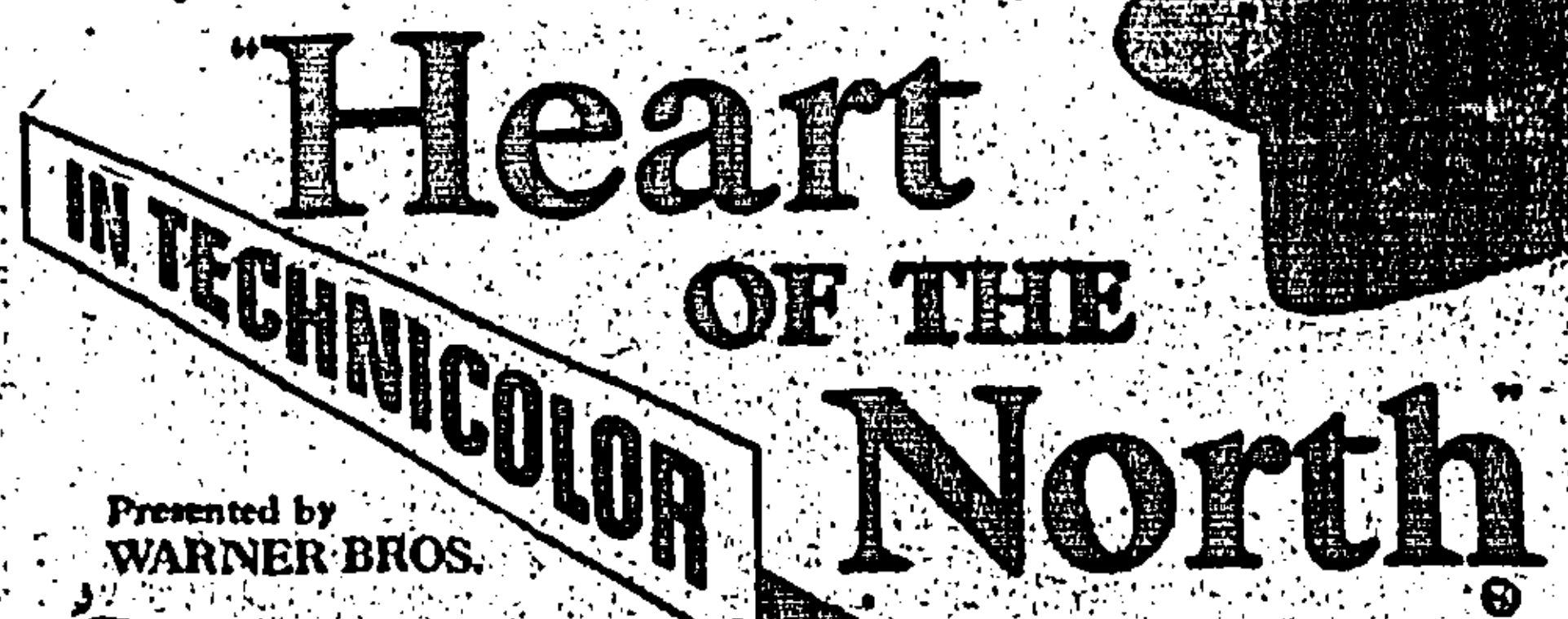
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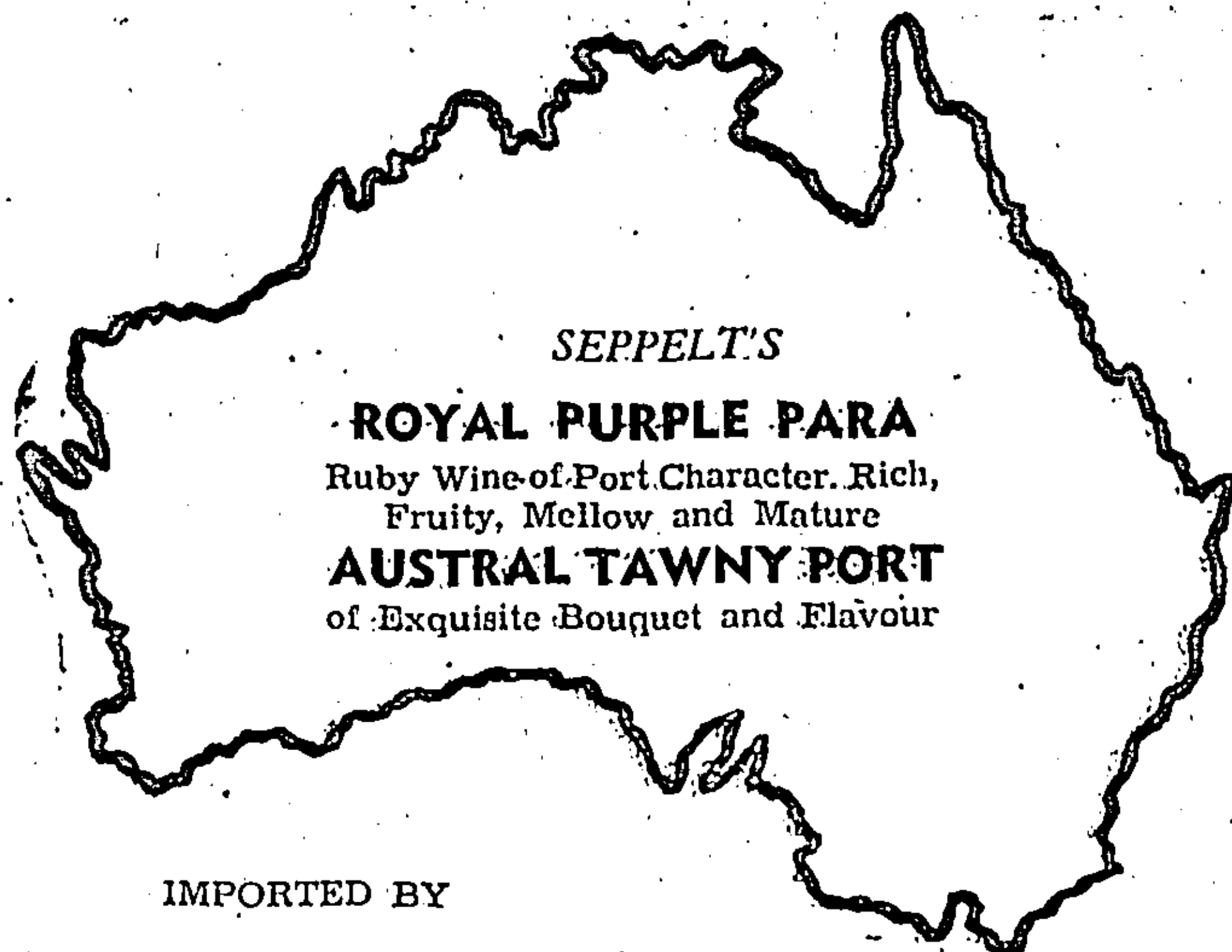


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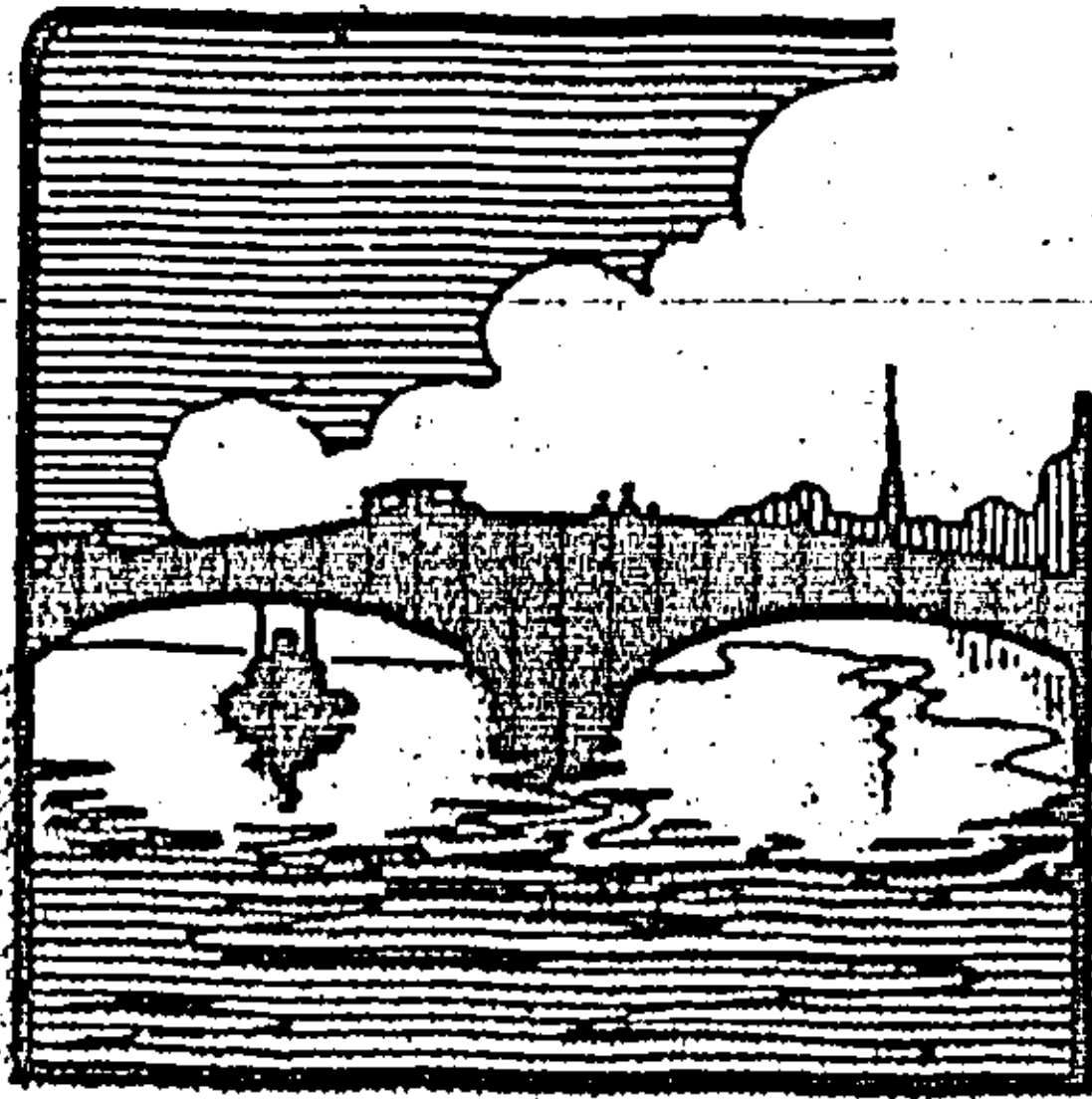
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FLANDIN TO OUST LAVAL? VICHY RAT CONTEST

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY suggests that M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, has been losing ground lately, both with the Germans and Marshal Petain.

The Germans feel he is not making rapid enough progress in his policy of bringing France into line with the Axis, or rather with German plans for a new order, because Italy does not appear to have been consulted about this move.

Indeed, it is chiefly at Italy's expense that Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is trying to win France over to complete subversion.

Probably with a view to bringing extra pressure on Laval, the Germans are conniving at bringing about the admission of M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin into the French Cabinet.

It will be recalled that the first time Laval went to Paris he was kept waiting while the German Commissioner, Otto Abetz, saw M. Flandin.

Another String

It would be in keeping with German methods to have another string to their bow in Flandin, who would seem to be prepared to outbid Laval for German favours.

Marshal Petain seems to be showing some firmness in resisting Laval and for the moment seems to have checked the trend towards a complete understanding with Germany.

His attitude has undoubtedly been strengthened by growing discontent in unoccupied France as a result of the increasing hardships of the population.

Penury And Distress

There is general penury and distress and the Germans are unable or unwilling to do anything to relieve the situation, while the fact that the holding of nearly two million French soldiers as hostages is a source of bitter anguish and humiliation in a corresponding number of French households.

It was a clever stroke of Marshal Petain to send General Weygand to Morocco, to be out of reach of immediate pressure. It leaves the back door open through which is the possibility of ultimate escape.

With Italy's war potential practically paralysed by the hammer blows of Greece, backed by the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., the French armies in Algiers and Morocco might yet be called upon to play an important role in the restoration of France.—Reuter.

DYING, HE ASKED OF FIGHT

Somewhere on the Italian East African front, troops of the Sudan Defence Force are still talking with awe of the courage of a young R.A.F. man.

Aircraftman W. J. Davidson, although fatally injured, thought more of his pilot and the bombing raid on which they had been than of his own condition.

From their fort on the Sudanese frontier troops had watched R.A.F. aircraft bombing a nearby enemy fort. As the machines reassembled to leave, one aircraft suddenly left the formation and attempted a forced landing, only to crash a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

The enemy immediately opened fire with every available machine-gun on the aircraft petrol tank and it exploded.

What Sort of Show?

A major of the Sudan Defence Corps went at once to the spot, where he found Davidson, conscious although mortally injured.

The aircraftman's first thought was for his pilot and what had happened to him. Then he asked, "What sort of a show did we make of it?"

He added that he had jumped from the plane and as he hit the ground he followed down the slope as far as possible.

The pilot, Pilot Officer C. G. Bush, and Aircraftman W. J. Davidson were buried with full military honours on the following day.

HIT IN EYES BUT LANDED

An R.A.F. officer who brought his plane down safely though wounded in both eyes, is awarded the D.F.C.

He is Flying-Officer Gordon Neil Spencer Cleaver, Auxiliary Air Force. Last August he led his flight against planes bombing his base.

After destroying one plane he was severely wounded in both eyes, but refused to abandon his plane and landed safely.

Flight-Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar, of the Auxiliary Air Force, also gets the D.F.C. He led his flight against ninety Heinkels. At least four were destroyed. He bagged three.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Malan Brothers, another D.F.C., led his flight against 100 enemy aircraft, but was himself attacked by several Messerschmidt 110s.

Turning to meet them, he stalled, but spun out of it, then shot down a Dornier. Altogether he has destroyed seven enemy planes.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Sidney Robert Gibbs (D.F.C.) was the hero of the long flight to Tromsø in bad conditions. He located eight Heinkel 115 and planes. Three were destroyed and the remainder seriously damaged.

580244 Sergeant Ronald Fairfax Hamlyn, who gets the D.F.M., destroyed five enemy planes in one day.

BOMB DAMAGES UNITY MITFORD'S COTTAGE

When a German high explosive bomb dropped in a Midlands village during the night it considerably damaged the cottage of Miss Unity Mitford, "Hitler's girl friend," a church and a number of other houses.

Miss Mitford's cottage was empty, but the following day, accompanied by her mother and sister, she arrived to inspect the damage.

DISORDER IN DENMARK

Many Nazis have been taken into custody after a disturbance at Haderslev, in Denmark, yesterday, it was reported in Stockholm.

Danish Conservatives also held a meeting on Sunday at which 15,000 people were present.

The ex-Minister of Commerce, M. Moeller, in a speech at the meeting, declared: "We don't believe foreign methods suit us."

"We believe in popular government, in the right to think and speak freely and the right to promote what we consider right."

"We are irrevocably united in our desires as Danes and Scandinavians."

Different Tone

A different note was sounded by M. Stauning at a Labour meeting in Copenhagen on Sunday, when he declared Denmark at present was one of the most fortunate countries in the world, since she preferred submission to destruction.

He claimed Denmark had more ample food supplies than most countries.—Reuter.

TYPHOON HITS GUAM

PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS IN HONG KONG ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING WORD FROM GUAM ISLAND BASE AS TO THE INTENSITY AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY A SEVERE TYPHOON WHICH WAS DUE TO PASS DIRECTLY OVER THE ISLAND DURING THE EARLY PART OF LAST NIGHT.

This will be the second severe typhoon to strike Guam and is greatly hampering the operation of the trans-Pacific schedule, with the "California Clipper" now delayed in Wake Island.

The recent typhoon in the Manila area has caused Pan American to be completely out of touch with one of their radio stations located on a remote island which was directly in the path of the typhoon.

The "California Clipper" which was scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday, December 12, cannot possibly arrive here before Friday, December 13, or even later, depending upon the course of the typhoon in the Guam area.

SPITFIRE FUND

Newfoundland's Spitfire Fund yesterday reached £15,000 with £6,000 acknowledged by the Minister for Aircraft Production from the "Daily News" of Saint John's.—British Wireless.

'STUBBORN' NORWAY THINKS WE SHALL WIN

"The Norwegian people are still hostile to Germany and are incredibly stubborn in their belief in and hopes of a British victory," says a report in the leading Nazi paper in Pomerania, the "Pommersche Zeitung."

"We must recognise that Germans are unpopular in Norway and one reason, among others, is that the Norwegians are lazy. They hate to see the industrious Germans working day and night on aerodromes, roads, etc.," says the paper.

It complains that Norwegians refuse to clean the shoes of German guests in the hotels and concludes: "Norwegians are far behind the Germans mentally and they are unable to understand the German idea of a new order in Europe. Their chief worry is that Germany will plunder the whole of Norway and all endeavours to convince them otherwise are futile."—Exchange.



EMPTY BOASTS

Nazi propagandists continue to make desperate efforts to convince their own people that all is well with the Air Battle of Britain. It is possible, indeed, to detect some slight retreat from the lyrical confidence of some weeks ago, when the Luftwaffe was being represented in the German Press as extending its sway over Britain day and night "like an avenging angel with fiery breath and flaming sword." Nevertheless, the Nazi radio is still claiming that it is the Germans who are dictating the course of the air war over Britain, and that they "can only shake their heads" over the British assertion that in our own island we have the mastery of the air. It may be conceded, certainly, that the Germans, being the attackers, dictate the time and place of the air battles in our skies, but since in daylight raids they are invariably routed in disorder and with disproportionately heavy losses, the element of "dictation" in the matter is neither here nor there.

It is merely a piece of verbal bluff to console and deceive the credulous German public, and perhaps to avert an incipient tendency to scepticism. A very different story, we may be sure, is being told in the inner councils of the German High Command, where Goering, who has been conducting the campaign in person, is confronted with the unhappy task of explaining away his failure.

On our side, even if we knew nothing else, it would be sufficient answer to the Nazi boasts that Hitler has not dared to renew the mass attacks which were to be the prelude to invasion. Actually we know that our Air Force is stronger, both relatively and absolutely, than at any time before or during the battles which began in May, and that it is steadily progressing towards an ultimate superiority in quantity commensurate with its already proven superiority in quality.

Apart from many other accretions to its strength, we have recently been able to welcome the formation of the Eagle Squadron of volunteers from the United States, the precursor of more to follow

THIS is what New York was talking about yesterday. And will be talking about to-day.

Times Square, New York, is where Broadway meets Forty Second Street. Americans call it the crossroads of the world.

From the three cornered island where the "New York Times" building stands, you look up Broadway at the tens of thousands of winking signs and below them, the cauldron of yellow taxis, restless crowds, cops, news dealers, commissionaires and amusement barkers. The pavement around the "Times" building used to be reasonably clear but now it is blocked on one side by a crowd of perhaps 150 men. This is because the "Times" is posting up bulletins straight off the news tickers on boards in and above its windows. The "Times" has its famous electric sign on the building and all night letters spelling out late headlines run around like well drilled insects. But the sign cannot change fast enough now and so it is being supplemented by bulletins hastily written in capitals on strips of paper which are pasted on the boards as soon as they are ready.

When a new bulletin goes up [BRITISH BOMB TANKER AND SUPPLY SHIP OFF NORWAY—

LONDON HAS THIRD RAID ALARM] the crowd on the pavement contracts as it presses forward to read then expands again as it falls back and breaks into groups to argue. People are constantly joining the crowd and others constantly leaving.

One thing one noticed to-day was that there are no women there. The men were of all kinds—prosperous and poor, Jews and Gentiles, hatted and hatless men with all manner of accents. You could push in and listen to the arguments. In one of the thickest knots a red haired and angry young man was telling an older man what he thought. The older man kept interrupting and contradicting. Neither of them had much accurate information but both were shouting furiously. In the next group a workman in overalls was explaining why France fell. ("Nobody in France knew what the hell it was all about").

A few minutes later an elderly bald-headed man said loudly, "We'll be in it, Bud. We'll be in soon enough." Nobody said anything to that.

The fringe of one group would drift to the next group as a fresh argument began. This was a

microcosm of America, briefly transfixed in "Times Square," New York, on an afternoon when, 3,000 miles away, the capital of civilisation was being ravished by the bombs of an enemy as dark and evil as any that has ever stalked the earth. An hour earlier I had been at lunch with an American newspaper man of high reputation for carefulness and objectivity. "America at this moment," he had said, "is ninety per cent. confusion."

Here it was the dialectical, the groping of a group of Americans meeting together by chance in "Times Square." The American people are reading their newspapers and listening to their radios and the chaos of the news is reflecting itself in their minds. You can discover easily enough that most of the people you talk to have a deeply implanted faith in the British. By the British they mean not only the R.A.F. and the British Navy, but also every clerk and shopkeeper, every unsung householder in every suburb who now is pitting his nerves against the dark enemy.

They say over and over again "Hitler's up against something different now." But when the story of death and debris is cried from every headline and picture, when fires burn in London and Berlin boasts of weakened British

defences, then they frown and fret and ask questions neither you nor anyone else can answer.



America, at this moment, is listening feverishly. In news-reel theatres pictures of German planes are hissed and pictures of Americans destroyers leaving Boston for Britain are applauded. A drunk in the Bronx who shouted "I hope Hitler wins" had to have police protection the other evening. The two most popular songs in the United States just now are "God Bless America" and "I Am An American," compositions of doubtful musical merit but of fiercely patriotic sentiment. The town of Port Washington on Long Island has ordered the American flag to be displayed in the streets every Saturday. The bill I got the other night in a Manhattan restaurant had a patriotic slogan stamped across it. Rifle booths at country fairs now have faces of Hitler or little tin Nazi parachutists to shoot at.

Conscription is in the air; couples are rushing off to get married. From all directions, from political platforms to pulpits the cry is "Rearm—get ready to defend America."

Defend America where—and when? The question leads back in a circle from to-day's headlines to next week's and next month's. The anxious man in the street throughout America knows now that everything—his own future and the future of the free world—depends on Britain. "Ninety per cent. confusion"—but there's the other ten per cent. which is out ahead of the American people and may be able to see further.

Information available at this moment and judgment of the situation as it comes from Washington can fairly be summed up in this way—harrowing—as the stories from London have been nothing has happened yet that is either unexpected or decisive.



Invasion is not a certainty, not only because the Nazis may be unable to prepare the ground adequately in England, but also because the Nazis' own preparations must have been seriously disrupted by the R.A.F.

But so long as the technique of terror fails to bring the British people to the point where they would be willing to see the Government sue for peace, invasion remains possible.

There is nothing to show that the Nazi air force is capable of the tremendous task it would have to perform—the destruction of so many ports and landing fields and the dislocation of so highly organised a war effort—before the British people would be within measurable distance of such defeat.

If the Nazis should decide on invasion in a desperate effort to force a decision quickly, the odds on their success would appear now to be against them.

What this boils down to is the general belief that, though immense destruction is to be expected, the Nazis are not going to be able to crack Britain. The expectation is that the war will go on through the winter to the spring.

By that time two important things may have happened. Germany may have begun to show the strain of ruling an ill-fed, unwilling continent and a too long inhibited nation, and America can have emerged from a stage of confusion into a stage of full realisation that its best defence will be to throw its weight into the effort to end the Nazi threat for ever.

Setting Democracy In Order

The trouble with democracy at the present moment is (as we know too well) that it hasn't been working. It is economically out of order, it needs not only to be defended but corrected.

There is a certain relief for many Americans in turning from this stubborn problem that has so long defied solution to the more exhilarating issue of military armament. Not that we like war or even the preparation for it. But the necessity being squarely laid upon us, the resultant activity has stimulus. We must see to it that it is not diverting. For we are still confronted by the grave issue of "idle money, idle men."

A recent speech of Wendell Willkie's has placed on a candlestick the illuminating comment on the United States by Winston Churchill which points in this direction. We are reminded that one of the strongest possible contributions to a cure of the international dilemma would be our own recovery. Arm we must. Our immediate obligations to neighbours must be fully met. But Americans cannot neglect the solid contribution to

as indicated by the announcement than one in seven in the Canadian Air Force is a citizen of the United States. We welcome this news alike for the fighting mettle of which its forerunners in the last war afforded so splendid a testimony, and as a visible token of the sympathy of our friends from across the ocean in our struggle to defend and preserve the ideals of civilisation and liberty common to us both.

world economy which lies in the solving of their own affairs. This is not identical, of course, with the speeding up of industry consequent upon the threat of war.

No nation can justify its position solely on the basis of foreign policy. Were we to try this, we would be veering in a totalitarian direction. Internal complications are famous for driving totalitarian States into heroics with

By Mary Burt Messer

respect to foreign Powers. The United States is a part of the family of nations (if it can be called that at this hour). Its every move bears a relation to the whole. But this does not deliver Americans from the obligation of success at home. It rather lays emphasis upon it.

The issue, of course, is more than a superficial one. There is a challenge here with respect to the very character of democracy itself. Spengler, in his "Decline of Western Civilisation," explicitly sets forth some of the outstanding doubts attaching themselves to the democratic order, with its maladies. These are worth considering as a spur to their solution. Spengler is a sceptic on the subject of democracy. It is worth while frequently to listen to our intelligent opponents. Sometimes we are able to glean from them the very clue to victory.

"Through money," writes Spengler (with the directness of a dive-bomber), "democracy becomes its own destroyer." "Men are tired of disgust of money-economy," he goes on to say. "They hope for salvation from somewhere or other, for some real thing of honour and

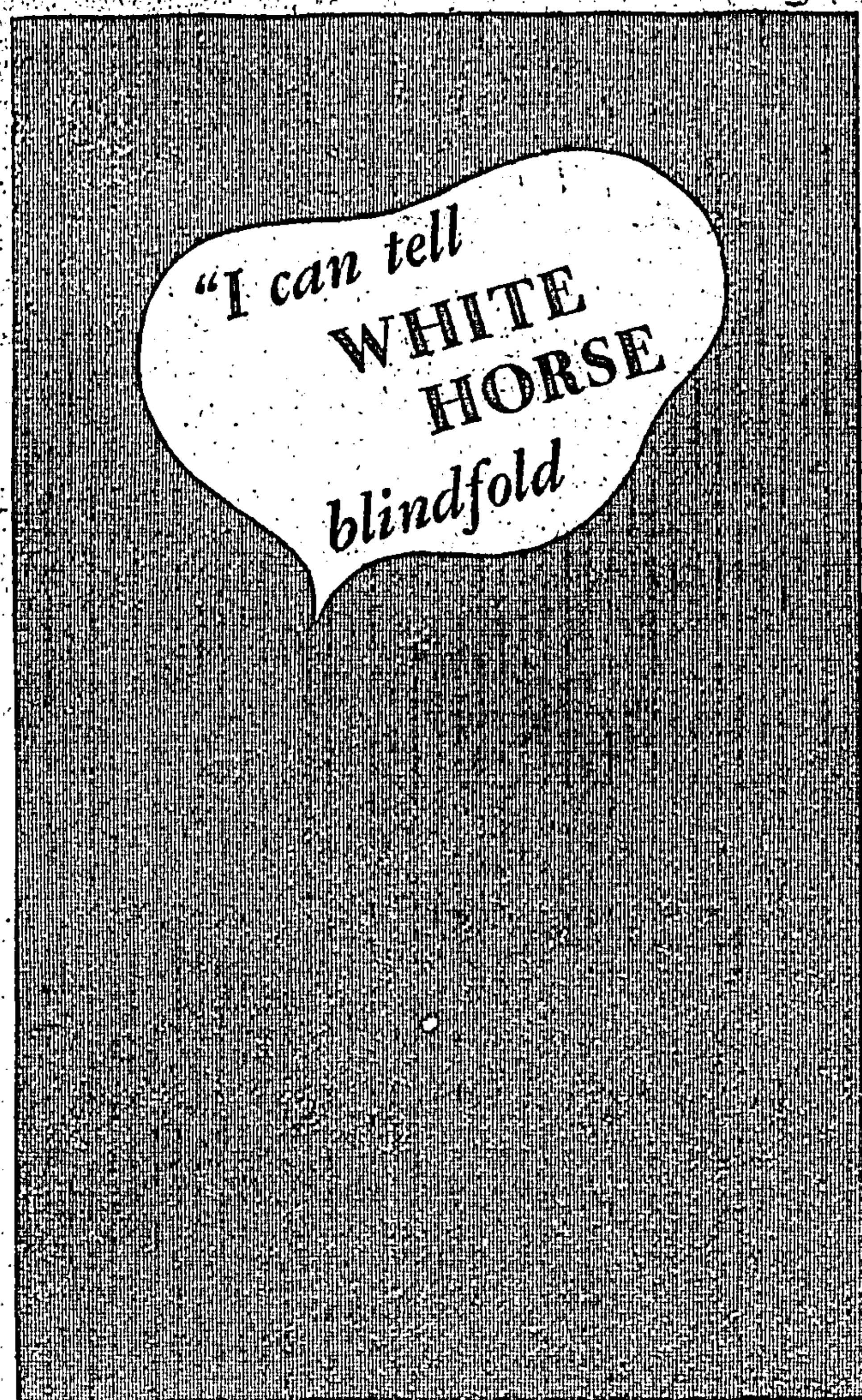
chivalry, of inward nobility, of unselfishness and duty." He declares that there now sets in the final battle between "Democracy and Caesarism," between what he calls the leading forces of money-economics, and political or dictatorial power.

There is an almost beguiling quality in parts of these passages as we move through them, as in the case of some of the passages of Adolf Hitler. But they pass on to an amazing—and an identical—finale. Of the true order of society as Spengler sees it, he writes: "Always it has sacrificed truth and justice to might and race."

Such words should dispose of confusion and the instincts of appeasement. As they are elucidated at the present hour by the logic of events, they bring our nation to its feet. Here is an order springing from a different, an opposite, an anti-Christian premise, which must not be permitted to take over the jurisdiction of the world.

This Spengler thinking, which merges into Nazi thinking, leads in its "Caesarism" to the exaltation of one man.

The reply of democracy is a great man, too—but he is to be found in every man. It is the man of alertness, of intelligence and enterprise—we are not afraid of his "big business," subject to reasonable rules of industrial traffic. But it is the man who draws lines essentially within himself, who will advance industrially only so far as he can take others with him. It is the adventurer, not the gambler; the worker, not the labourer. In every capacity, behind every function—the democratic citizen, acting with a kind of saving fervour in the interest of the whole. The practical, the technical solutions of our economic system, under these conditions, will be forthcoming. Democracy will hold its own. It will ultimately triumph.



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NAZI FIRE-BUGS FAIL IN RAID ON LONDON

ADVANCE CREWS of German crack airmen were unable to start early any big, tactically important, fire in London to guide squadrons waiting in North France.

Result was that the fourth consecutive all-night raid on the capital was on a smaller and less-damaging scale, although Goering's bombers roamed over the area for eight and a half hours.

The two previous nights the full force of the attack was delayed until the fire-raisers were able to radio "Success" back to their bases. Bombing during the next night did not grow more severe as the hours passed by, suggesting that the first attacks could not be followed up in force this time.

But bombs caused damage in Central, East, North-West, South-East and South-West London.

Meanwhile, raiders were over the Midlands, Wales and South-East, South-West, North-East, and North-West England.

Risked Life in Church

A five-storey block of workers flats in north-west London was cut in two by a bomb, and people were pinned beneath the wreckage — but about 1,000 people who had taken refuge in trench shelters nearby were unhurt.

One woman said: "We had been singing in the trench shelters, but when the crashes came and we heard the flats falling, one woman started a prayer and we all joined in."

Rescue parties toiling among the 30ft-high piles of debris — bricks, plaster, woodwork and furniture

— extricated the last of the dead about seven hours after the explosion.

A caretaker dashed down the narrow stairs of a blazing Central London church, with the windows crackling in the heat and timber falling from the roof, to rescue the communion cups and plates.

"I made two trips to the rooms while the fire was raging over my head, and carried the silver cups and plate to safety," he said.

Hospitals Bombed

The chief engineer and the assistant matron were killed and a number of nurses injured when a heavy calibre bomb hit a Central London hospital.

None of the twenty-six patients on the premises was injured.

A large maternity hospital in East London was hit for a second time.

The bomb — an incendiary — started a fire which caused some damage to the top floors, but all the patients had been evacuated, and there were no casualties among the nursing staff still remaining.

Four high explosive bombs, believed to have been followed by incendiaries, burst in a warehouse and business area in central London and caused fires.

Firemen at work in one street where the blaze was most intense clambered to the upper floors of burning buildings to direct their hoses on to premises more seriously threatened.

Dogs Safe, But —

Between 150 and 200 people escaped when a quarter of an hour before the "All-Clear" was given a heavy high explosive bomb struck a building in a south-east London street, wrecking nearby houses. The occupants had all gone to a shelter which was undamaged.

A mother and daughter were killed when a bomb dropped on some small residential houses in a south-east district of London. Their bodies were recovered after A.R.P. workers and demolition squads had dug throughout the night to release them.

Two small wire-haired terriers were brought up from the big hole made by the A.R.P. men. They were covered in dust and very frightened, but otherwise unhurt.

CONCERT PARTY FOR ICELAND

"Ensa," the organisation which provided entertainment for the troops, is to provide two concert parties and two sing-song units for the Forces in the Middle East. In addition to mobile cinema vans, a special concert party and a number of cinemas are being sent to Iceland, following the recent statement in the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for War.

In the Army garrison theatres and R.A.F. station theatres in the autumn the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre Company will present a series of condensed versions of Shakespearean comedies, under the direction of Mr. B. Iden Payne, the Stratford-on-Avon director.

LIFE IN BRIXTON

Admiral Sir Barry Edward Domville, who has been detained in Brixton Gaol since July last under Section 18b of the Defence Regulations, has had a daily minimum of 19 hours' solitary confinement, it was said in the High Court.

Applications for writs of habeas corpus were being made on behalf of Sir Barry and four other people.

Mr. Justice Hawke and Mr. Justice Macnaghten adjourned the applications and gave leave for notices to be served on the governors and gaolers of the prisons where the people are, and the Home Secretary.

Mr. Gerald Gardiner for Sir Barry Domville, read Sir Barry's affidavit in which he complained of the 19 hours' daily solitary confinement — lengthier still during air raids.

Mr. Justice Hawke: Part of the 19 hours a day mentioned includes sleeping time?

"No Charge"

Sir Barry said that no charge had been preferred against him.

His affidavit, saying that he had been in the Royal Navy for 44 years, went on:

"The court will understand how much I resent the allegations against me in view of the fact that the public safety and the defence of the realm are the very things to which I have devoted my whole life."

Sir Barry added that he was allowed to send out and receive only two letters a week.

The other applicants were Mrs. Rita Kathleen Sheldermine, of Greenway, Wilmslow, Cheshire; Harold Henry Alexander de Laessoe, D.S.O., M.C., Miss Emily Dorothea Vavasour Durell, and William Edric Sherston.

Mrs. Sheldermine, said Mr. Gardiner, was 27. She had two children and had been in Holloway Prison since July 11. She was British.

Her affidavit said that she had been an "inactive member" of the British Union, and added: "I have never done anything to hurt my country."

ALBERT ROAD FIRE ALARM

WITH BELLS CLANGING, ENGINES ROARING AND GEARS CLASHING, TWO FIRE ENGINES ROARED UP GARDEN AND UPPER ALBERT ROADS THIS MORNING TO PUT OUT A FIRE WHICH NEVER EVEN GOT AS FAR AS THE PUFF OF SMOKE STAGE.

It turned out to be that bugbear of the fireman's daily routine — the false alarm.

The "fire" actually started late last night, according to a coalie, who says that a European police sergeant on a motor cycle crashed into the alarm with his machine and — "bent it" considerably.

Around 10 o'clock this morning, apparently, some one decided to investigate the damage touched the alarm and bells and things started ringing furiously in Central Fire Station, which promptly turned out two machines.

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HAXBY SKIPPER TELLS STORY OF RAIDER BROTHERS

DIED HEROES

Captain Cornelius Arundell, master of the 5,207-ton British cargo steamer Haxby, was a prisoner of the Nazis on the high seas for 134 days. He and his captured crew were within two days' steaming of the European coast—and internment—when the small British submarine Truant surfaced off Cape Finisterre and rescued them and some Norwegians from a neutral ship which had also fallen victim to the Germans. Here is Captain Arundell's story: —

They had killed sixteen of my crew, but I thought, as I swam towards the Nazi pirate ship—“Don't give up hope. All Germans can't be as bad as Hitler makes them out to be.”

I was right about that. There was more than one on board the German ship who thought kindly of England and treated us well. It was about 6.30 in the morning on April 24 when the German raider, flying Greek colours, suddenly opened fire on us with four 6in. guns.

We had no chance. The second salvo of shells killed our gunner and smashed the gun platform. They kept on firing after that for about half an hour—with not a shot in return.

My ship was shattered and on fire, and there were good men dead on the decks. We had to swim for it, and after a long time they picked us up from the planks and wooden barrels to which we were clinging.

They put us into canvas suits and gave us underwear and flannel shirts made out of wool pulp. They sent us to our prison quarters, three decks down.

They gave us a plate of black bread and sausage. The bread was as hard as nails and had half an inch of wet round the bottom.

When we went on deck for exercise for one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon we saw that we were in a fine ship, one of the Hamburg liners, which before war was on the New York run.

No Milk, No Tea

Furnishings and fittings were de luxe except where alterations had been made to give the ship powerful armament.

Our diet did not improve. There was no milk, no sugar, no tea. They gave us imitation coffee made from burned corn and an imitation jam. Our staple diet was soup made from peas, beans or lentils.

We saw little of our captors. The captain, a grim-faced Prussian, never spoke until the day I left his ship to be transferred to the Tropic Sea, a Norwegian ship which they had captured.

He then asked me if I had been treated well. I said I had no complaints, and added: “But I shall never forget the murder of my sixteen men, with you firing at us while we were helpless.”

He said: “Forget it, captain, there's a war on.” I said “I shall never forget and never forgive it.” He shrugged his shoulders.

It was true that we hadn't been badly treated. The officers and men with whom we had dealings were like strangely deluded children.

They believed that the war would be over in a matter of weeks, and they even had daily hand practice on board so that the ship could be represented in “the victory march through Berlin” which they thought was soon to take place.

They believed that the British Navy had been swept from the seas, that South-East England was a desert of destruction, that the Port of London was shattered and useless, and that all England was starving, and continuing the fight in desperation.

One morning alarms sounded, and we were all locked in our quarters. There was a lot of scampering going on above our heads. Then the guns fired three times.

Refuelled At Sea

More than an hour later we saw through little peepholes in the wall of our prison room that some seamen were being brought on board. They were from the captured Norwegian ship Tropic Sea.

Soon afterwards another ship came alongside. It was the Ger-

man oiler Winnetou which had come out to refuel us. At this time we were kept in close confinement. We were twelve days locked in our quarters without exercise, and almost choked by oil fumes.

Then we were transferred to the Tropic Sea under armed guard.

They kept on plugging at us with their propaganda. An officer had the special duty of converting us into good Nazis, and they seemed to think it was only a question of time before we saw the folly of our ways and realised that Hitler was a fine fellow and Churchill a low scoundrel.

This propaganda officer said that only 3,000 British soldiers had escaped from Dunkirk, that every British port was closed by mines, and that a woman had broadcast over the B.B.C. saying that England needed some one like Hitler.

I said: “You're a liar. You and your — Hitler make me sick.”

He was angry. “You must not talk like that of our beloved Fuehrer,” I told him: “If you talk such nonsense I'll fling you over the side into the sea.”

Dawn Rescue

As we got nearer Europe we got a bit depressed. We thought there was no chance of rescue.

At 5.30 on the morning of September 3 the alarm sounded throughout the ship again. We were told to get on deck with our lifebelts.

All the German officers seemed in a daze. When they first sighted the submarine they were convinced that it was a German which had come to escort them into port. They hadn't bargained for it being British.

The Germans in my lifeboat refused to take us to the submarine, so I pushed the officer away from the tiller and told my men to row towards it for all they were worth. I knew that there were time bombs in the ship due to explode in a matter of minutes. We drew alongside the submarine and a young lieutenant pulled me aboard and said: “Welcome home.”

He had one of those Navy voices. It sounded like music in my ears.

FINDS £300—‘NO’ TO £150 GIFT

FOR THREE DAYS £300, wrapped in sacks, lay unnoticed on a greengrocer's stall. When the greengrocer looked inside, he was astonished to find the money, in £1 notes. But he was even more surprised when he found the owners.

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Twenty years of self-denial. Twenty years of looking forward to buying a home of their own. Offer of a small reward might have been made with every justification.

Yet the finder, Mr. Robert Ellis, of East Dereham, refused to take a big reward. Five pounds was all he would take.

Mrs. Edwards told a reporter that she was shopping in Dereham market place.

“I left my handbag containing the £300 behind me. That money was our life savings.

Two brothers . . . last war babies . . . born far away from the land they were one day to fight for went to the same school in the homeland.

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Now both are named — killed in action — in Air Ministry Casualty Communique No. 46. The brothers were Pilot-Officer C. A. Woods-Scawen and Flying-Officer P. P. Woods-Scawen whose father lives at South Farnborough. Both were born at Karachi, India, and were educated at Salesian College, Farnborough.

C. A. Woods-Scawen was born in 1918. His award was announced on September 3, when it was stated that in June last he was shot down twenty-five miles inside French territory, but got back to his squadron.

Up to then he had been shot down six times, and tribute was paid to his “unabated courage and enthusiasm” and his outstanding qualities as a resourceful and determined leader.

Against Big Odds

P. P. Woods-Scawen was born in 1918. When his D.F.C. was awarded in June it was stated that once, when heavily outnumbered, he attacked a large formation of Germans without hesitation and shot two down.

His plane was hit and he was slightly wounded, but baled out and rejoined his unit.

It was added that he had shown “great courage, endurance and leadership.”

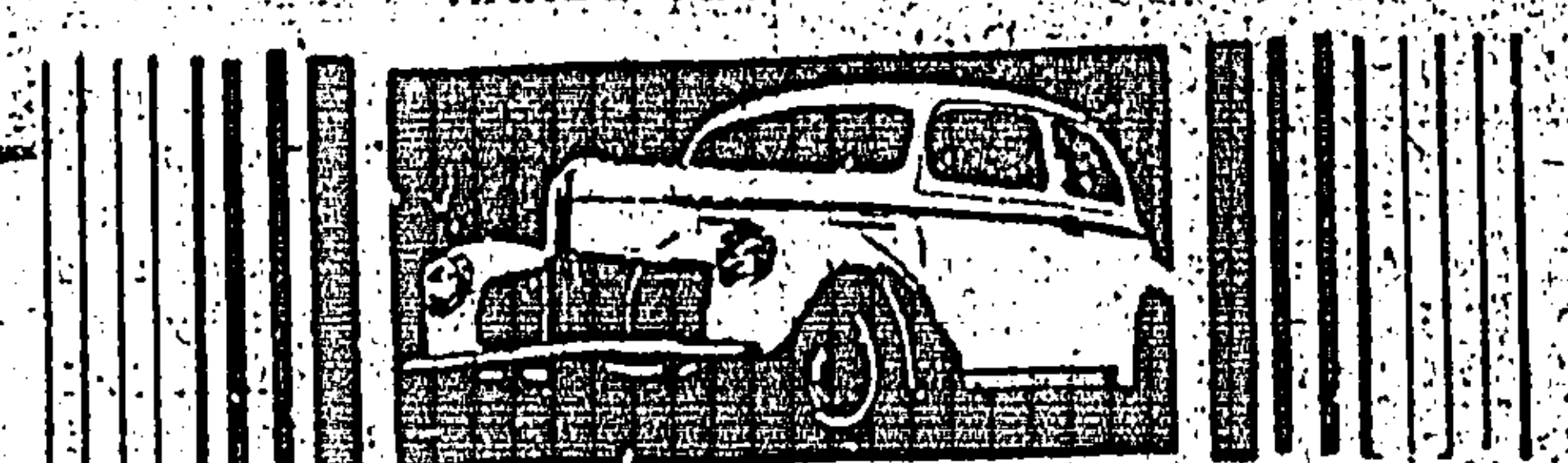
The communique, which contains the names of 319 officers and airmen, gives a total of forty-nine officers and airmen killed in action, and forty-eight wounded or injured. Those missing total eighty-eight.

The number killed on active service is forty-eight. Of ten previously reported missing three are now safe and seven are prisoners.

A sergeant of the Royal New Zealand Air Force is reported missing, and two pilot officers were killed on active service.

The names of nine D.F.C.s, one A.F.C. and one D.F.M. are included in the list.

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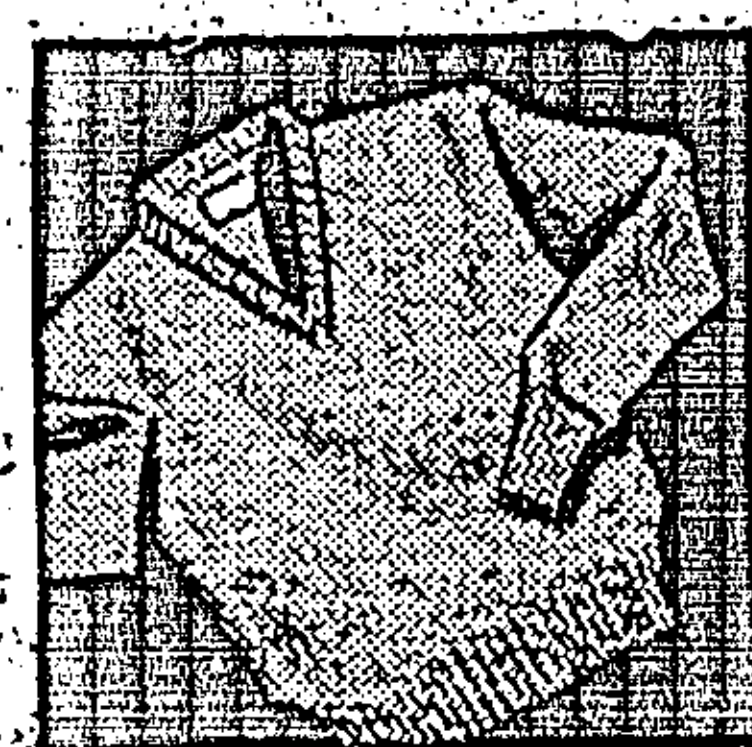
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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

CRIME DOESN'T PAY: No. 21

To-day brings another problem for our detective corps; it's up to you to spot the crime and the criminal:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A Q 10 9 2
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 5 4 2
♣ A 10 7 5 4
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♠ K 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ K 9 7
♠ J 6
♥ A K J 7 3
♦ A K 4
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the Queen and King of diamonds, then took the spade finesse. East won with the spade King and returned a spade to dummy's Ace.

In the play of the clubs, South lost three tricks, and the contract was therefore defeated.

Don't look for any help from us, if you're really sleuths—for you should be able to name the criminal and point out where he committed the crime. But if you find yourself stumped, read the next two paragraphs.

South was the criminal—and his crime was taking a finesse in spades. He should have realised that he'd lose three tricks in clubs if he tackled the clubs himself—but only two tricks if an opponent led the suit first. South could afford to lose a spade and two clubs, but not a spade and three clubs so should have planned the play on that basis.

Correct play is to draw trumps and strip out the diamonds (as actually done). Then South must cash the spade Ace and lead the spade Queen. Whichever opponent wins must either lead clubs or give South a ruff-and-a-sluff with any other lead.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 4
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Maier You
1NT 2♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. You dislike the contract, and you may even suspect that some other contract will be better—but your hand is far too weak for any action at all. Score 100% for pass; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 585

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 5
♣ J 6 3 2

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1♠ 2♥
3♠ 4♥ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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THEY ADOPT DESTROYER

The little North Riding village of Castleton has adopted the former American destroyer of the Churchill Flotilla which has been named Castleton.

The women of Castleton, Yorks, propose that the women of Castleton, U.S.A., should help them in providing the crew of the Castleton with comforts.



The little guy in the back-row seat at a football game is thankful girls have taken a fancy to wearing calotte's this fall.

GUIDE STILL TO RAIDERS

Although they contain 1,600 tons of scrap iron that could be turned into guns, the two huge water towers of the Crystal Palace are still standing.

They survived the fire that destroyed the Palace in 1936.

Set 284ft. above ground level, they are the most prominent landmark in South London. In the last war they were such a valuable landmark to enemy airmen that, as a German commander mentions in his reminiscences, raiders were ordered not to bomb the Crystal Palace. It was too useful a signpost.

In June this year it was announced that a contract had been signed for the demolition of the towers.

Dangerous Task

Sir Henry Buckland, manager of the Crystal Palace, told reporters that work began in July.

"I am afraid, too, that there was a hold-up in the work for two weeks," he said. "The firm doing the work is very busy. Work is now going on with the south tower, but it is bound to be slow. You can't have very many men on the job as the work is dangerous."

Reminded that German raiders used the Crystal Palace as a signpost in the last war, and might be doing so now, Sir Henry agreed. He could not, however, see any chance of the work being speeded up now that air-raids on London were a daily affair.

MIDWIVES TO GET TIN HATS

Midwives and district nurses are to be issued with steel helmets and civilian duty respirators.

The number required may be as many as 20,000, and by arrangement with the Ministry of Health, they will be provided free through local A.R.P. authorities.

So vital is the work which these unsung heroines perform in the face of danger that it has been decided to give them all possible protection as they cycle through country lanes or walk through city streets during air raid warnings.

Other Classes, Too

The same protection is also to be given to any doctor who applies to the local Medical War Committee.

Many doctors already have helmets and mask because they are attached to the A.R.P. services, and this scheme will not apply to them.

The Ministry is considering the issue of mask and helmet to two other classes — hospital staffs, including stretcher-bearers, whose needs have not yet been fully met, and relieving officers with the job of opening special relief centres.



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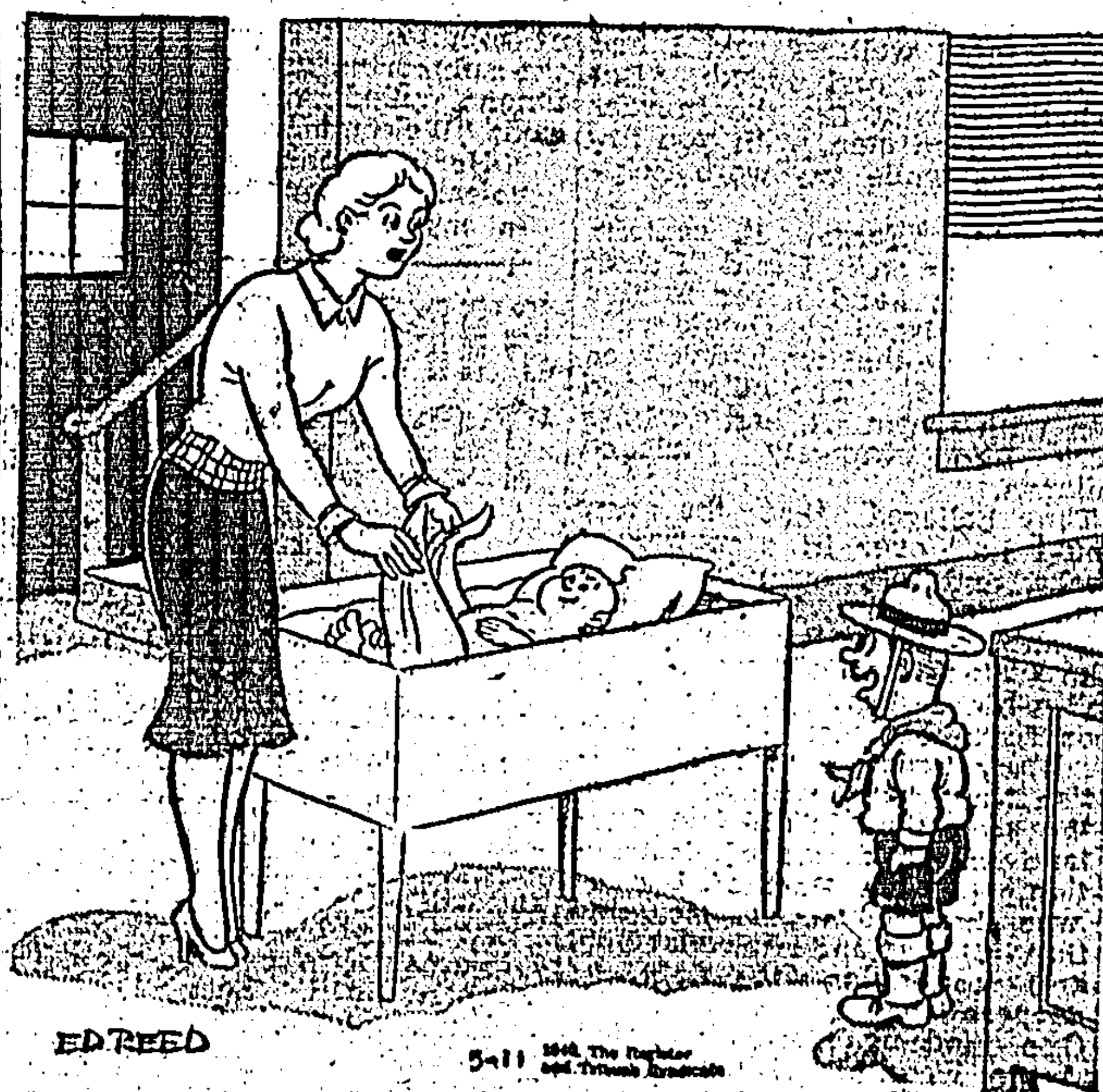
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"I can't find any safety pins, Mom—How about showing you a few knots?"

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Come Into The Pantry

EGGS, LEMON JUICE, a drop of Vinegar, and some Corn-Meal were very capable aids to your grandmother's beauty, and just as long as they exist there is no need to spend envious hours looking at expensive shop windows.

NAN GLOSTER

explains just how you can put these simple kitchen items to good use.

How often have you stared at the prices in the beauty shops and envied the women who can afford expensive "facials"? How lucky they are, you may have thought, to be able to use stock-in skin rejuvenators, beauty creams, stringing without a palpitation on half-guineas or half-crowns. Like buying a pound of something at the grocers, you think.

You frown (bad habit). Money is distributed in such a topsyturvy way! By this time the mood is gloomy (also bad for beauty). You hop on a bus and fly back to your kitchen to prepare a meal wash undies or clean the "bijou" flat.

Thinking of prices in the beauty shops you have no eyes for the world's oldest beauty preparations on your kitchen shelves. The beaten egg, lemon juice, fresh milk, olive oil, "porridge" meals—even plain bread—are almost as good for your complexion and (or) hair as potted and bottled mysteries.

Less than fifty years ago, when your grandmother was a girl, beauty recipes were verbal family secrets and nearly all ingredients were natural or food materials from the pantry. So let's raid the food pantry to beat the beauticians at their own expensive game.

For a start let's say your complexion is dull, it has lost the glow it had on your wedding day. Drabness and dullness are the most common skin symptoms among women who envy luxury treatments but do nothing to imitate them.

First skilled service is to go after that lazy epidermis. Don't let your complexion sit down on the job. It wants electrifying. On your kitchen shelf there is a bottle of Biblical olive oil. It was used by the Babylonians and Egyptians for skin balm thousands of years ago! Your bottle may be labelled "salad oil."

Emollients are the beginning of all beautifying—after cleansing. A thimbleful of oil and butter whisked together make a perfect cleaner and softener for any complexion. Drops of eau-de-Cologne add the sophisticated scent. Smooth a little over the face and wipe it off with cotton wool squeezed out of cold water. With the remainder massage face and throat.

For a medium type of complexion, probably the oldest facial tonic in history... perhaps earlier than olive oil... is the swabbing of a mixture of milk and buttermilk over the complexion. Apply it plentifully with a piece of cotton wool and let it dry slowly and stay dry for some minutes. Wash off with water diluted with lemon juice.

With milk or lemon as a basis grandma made many beauty unguents. Beaten egg yolk and dash of lemon gives you a face mask

to enrich, whiten, tone, and refine. Brush it on and then relax indulgently with a book and cigarette for about twenty minutes. White of egg whipped with milk and a few drops of witch hazel (or vinegar) makes a healing mask for a bad skin—grease, and open pores.

When applying a meal pack see that it has not too much "weight" and thickness in the mixture. Face masks must not be so heavy that they pull the flesh down-

Beauty's Budget

2 Eggs, Vinegar, Milk, Meal, Lemon, Oil.

Mix lemon with milk or eggs, drop by drop or it will congeal.

White of egg with a little olive oil is good treatment for wrinkles.

The empty "cup" of a squeezed lemon can be used as a cuticle and nail cleanser. Push the fingernails in the pulp and work it circularly.

Olive oil with fine sugar removes stains from the fingers.

Vinegar with a little warm water will cleanse the scalp between shampoos.

wards. After twenty minutes wash the mask off with cold water, and pat the skin with a lotion of cold water, lemon juice, and eau-de-cologne.

You'd Like Your Child To Be Musical?

Where is there a child who has not been sung to sleep in its cradle or in somebody's arms? All children are musical to begin with. They may lose it later on, but, unhappily, you can never tell beforehand whether that is going to happen.

Usually they are singing before they can talk. They may not sing in tune, but, while talking, needs plenty of inducement, singing seems to be their natural desire.

Before they learn to talk they use only vowels and leave out the consonants, and vowels are all

By Mary Benedetta

most singing in themselves. Consonants are the first musical setback a child has.

A child should begin learning music at the earliest possible moment. By having notes and phrases sung to him he can soon learn to carry them in his head and produce them himself.

People seldom think of teaching a child to read music before he learns to read books. Yet reading music is very much easier—not, of course, reading a score, because that is one of the most difficult things in the world, but an ordinary line of music.

After all, there are 26 letters in the alphabet and they do not always mean the same thing. Musical notation is much more exact and uniform than its spelling or pronunciation.

Whatever instrument a would-be musician chooses to take up, he should have at least some sort of working knowledge of the piano. The time for a child to begin learning to play the piano is when he can stretch five notes (there is no need to wait for an octave).

Even before that he can be learning the different notes and

where they are, so that when one particular note is played or sung to him he can learn to pick it out for himself.

Later on a gramophone becomes very useful for teaching him all about music. In any case, a child who is being brought up musically should be allowed to hear plenty of good music.

When he goes to school and learns music with his other lessons he should be taught by someone who has as much bent for teaching children as for teaching music.

Music is sometimes hereditary, and you find whole families of good musicians. People imagine musicians' children are brought up in an atmosphere of continuous music and so have an unusual advantage. Actually, if their father is a conductor or an orchestral player they probably hear far less music than most other children. There may be very little music in a musician's house if he gets much outside. Children can go to concerts when they are quite small, for they still have natural appreciation of music that makes them respond to a lullaby as infants.

Children are perfectly capable of appreciating the real thing in music just as much as in anything else. Any child who is used to being treated like a normal human being will stare a trifle coldly at a grown-up who tries to talk baby-talk to him. And if children are accustomed to hearing good music they will be just as discriminating.

Since all children are musical to begin with, parents who bring them up musically are giving them something they enjoy. And a happy childhood means a great deal.

In any case, without becoming musicians, they may still have become people who gain much pleasure from music because they understand it enough to appreciate it.

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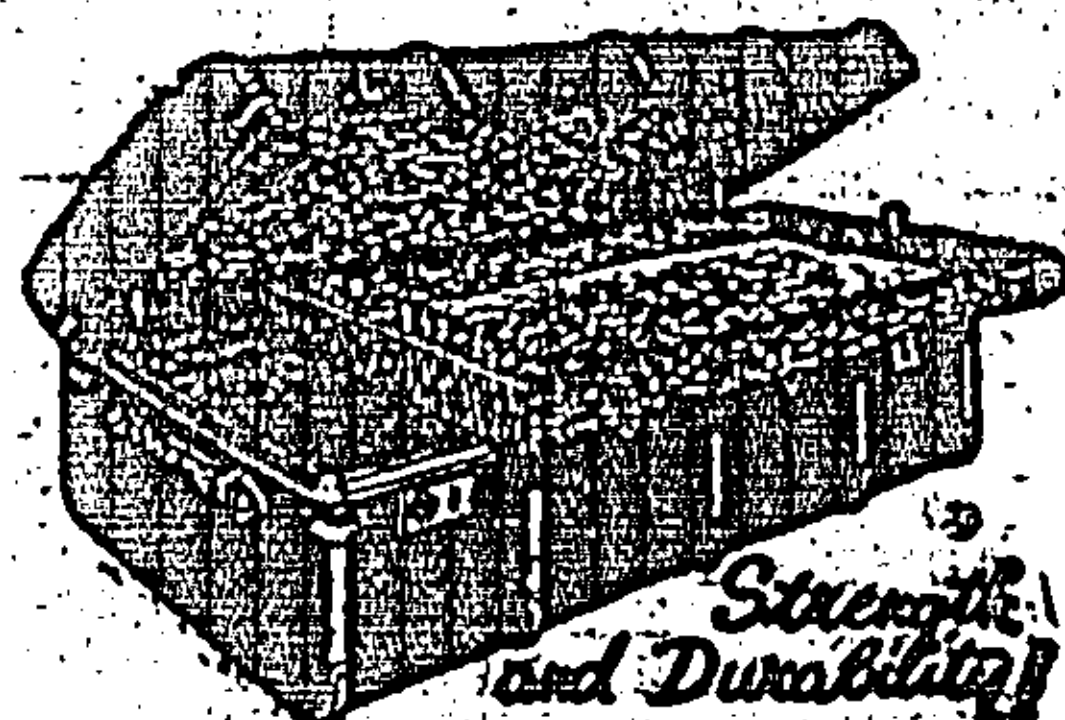
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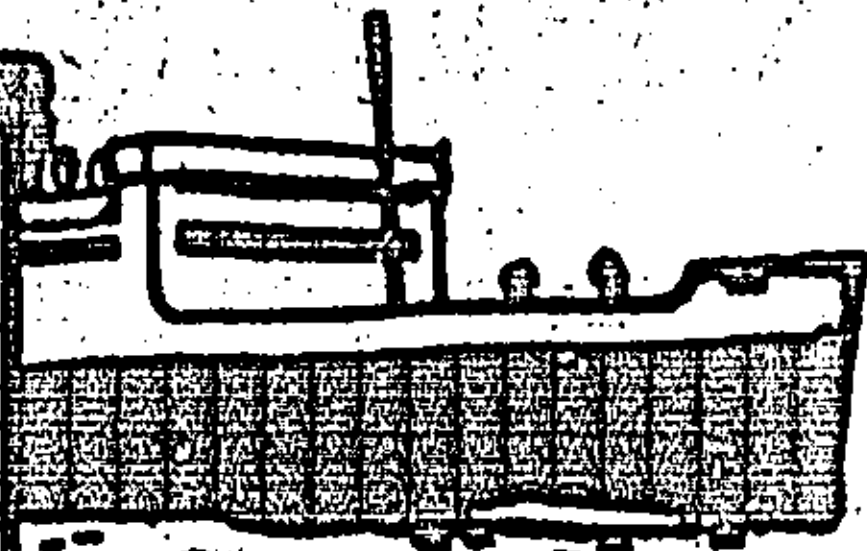
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1.03 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

1.20 p.m.—Charlie Kunz at the Piano.
1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra.

6.32 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Trio and Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Gay Deceivers' Comedy.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

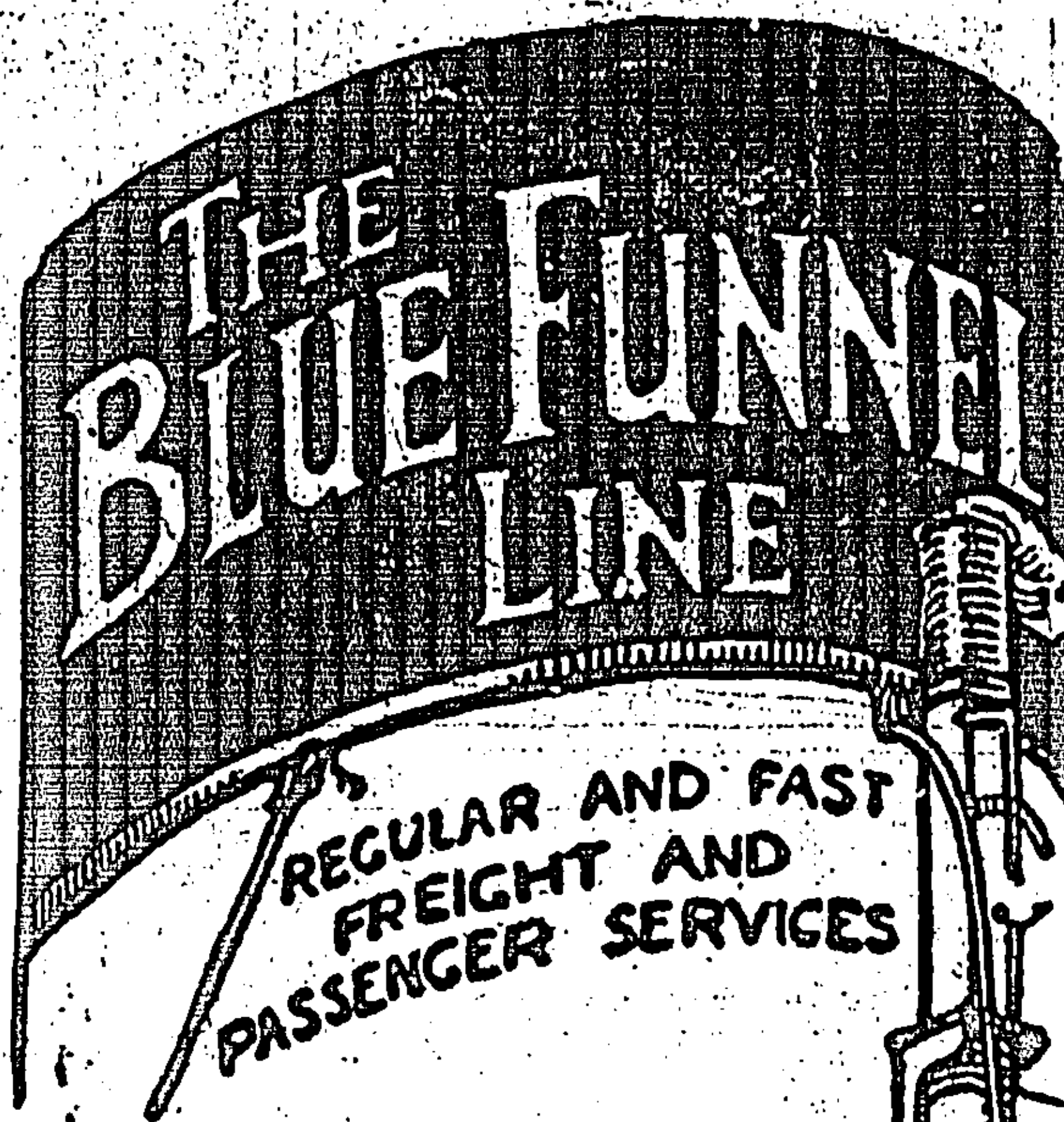
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Scots Abroad'.

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PALESTINE TO BAGHDAD BY TAXI

ANITA ENGLE, A lively, blackhaired Canadian girl has recently arrived in England after a hazardous journey which lasted two months. Her object? To be near her fiancé, who is in the Gunners.

She did not come from Canada. She was much nearer her destination—in Palestine, from which she could in normal times travel to London by air in three days.

She went to Palestine in February, in charge of 25 Czech, Austrian and German Jewish children.

All was quiet out there, "The Sea of Galilee," she said, "is the most peaceful spot I have ever seen." But she began to worry about her Gunner. And then she started her great trek.

Taxi To Baghdad

First, with six others, she took a taxi to Baghdad, and then to Basra.

"We were driven," she said, "by Mahomet, a magnificent Circassian who looked like a movie star. For hundreds of miles he drove, day and night, without rest. This wild drive took us

through places that tourists would give a lot to see. But we were in no mood for sightseeing just then."

Next step on the journey was two weeks' grilling in a ship on the Persian Gulf. "All the passengers except myself were on the way to America," said Miss Engle. "They couldn't understand why I wanted to go to England."

Then came a wait at Bombay for a British ship homeward bound from Australia with a cargo of food.

Christened Crossing Line

"Of the 1,500 people on board," said Miss Engle, "two hundred were civilian passengers. Three were young babies: they were christened as we crossed the Line. One elderly woman was going to England from Ceylon 'for her health,' she told me.

"Several elderly couples were going home because they could not bear to be out of the war."

"One mother, the wife of a Camel Corps officer from British Somaliland, had gone to Aden for the birth of her baby."

"There she had been bombed by the Italians when the child was only a few days old. But the baby had slept through it all."

"They were amazingly cheerful, although from the Cape the boats were swung out and we wore our life-jackets all the time."

Among the naval ratings who travelled in that boat was a bit of a hero. He was "the Man from the Moonstone."

The trawler Moonstone, it will be remembered, attacked and captured a big Italian submarine in the Gulf of Aden last June.

The Man from the Moonstone, whose name was "Slinger" Wood, brought home an Italian diving suit for himself and silk underwear for his wife.

"A fine type of British sailor," said Miss Engle, "tall, tow-haired, blue-eyed and weather-beaten."

All on board that liner pictured an England shattered by bombs, starved by blockade. Most of them were desperately anxious about the possible fate of families and friends.

"We Were Wrong"

"We saw how wrong we were even before we reached port," Miss Engle said.

"A convoy of ships were steaming unopposed into harbour. And since landing we have seen a country that is far from being bombed to bits."

"Food? It seems to me that food in this country is better than before. Maybe it's because of the allotments that the vegetables are so good and so plentiful."

COMMUNITY SLEEP FOR MOTHERS

When the big night raids started, mothers found they were so busy looking after the children that they could not snatch any sleep in the shelters.

After the "All-clear" they managed to get in three or four hours rest; but toddlers, who sleep through the raids still "wake with the lark," disturbing their parents.

Now mothers in the London area have got together and have solved the difficult problem of catching up on lost sleep.

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MAN SAID TO HAVE SECRET PLAN

A remand in custody for a week was ordered at Warrington, Lancs, when Thomas Duffy, a labourer lodging in a local hostel, was charged with having in his possession a certain secret document—a plan containing information which might be useful to an enemy—contrary to the Defence Regulations.

Evidence was given that police officers saw Duffy at the hostel on Saturday night in connection with his failure to register for military service. Because of his attitude and certain remarks he made, they searched him and, it was alleged, found a certain secret document in one of his pockets.

It was stated that, when asked to account for the possession of this document, Duffy made certain replies which it was not proposed to repeat at that stage of the case.

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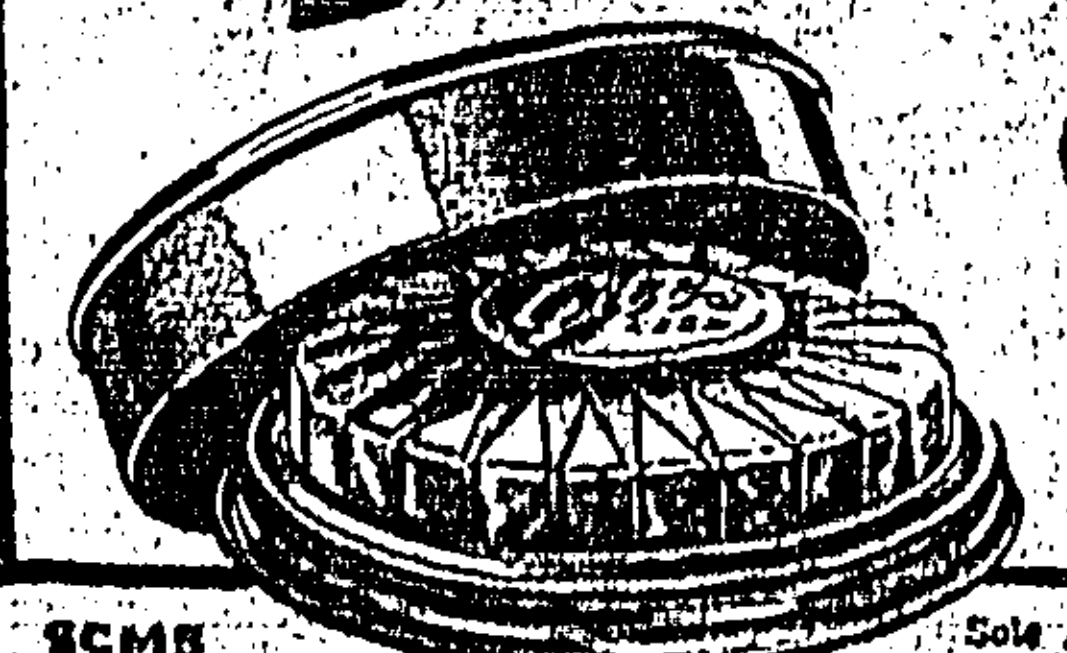
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DEFENCE PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

THE defence in first class football teams in Great Britain has a tremendous responsibility on account of the acute competition among League teams. At the end of the season it is not unusual for a team to find itself only separated in the League Table by goal average to escape relegation to a lower Division.

In modern football the defence has two main functions—to defend and to attack. Some think the latter the best defence but it depends entirely upon the movements in the game, the speed of the opponent's forwards, and the ability of the backs to recover lost ground during a break-away in time to defend their goal.

The defence, if well-managed, can always attack by accurate long kicking to anticipating forwards waiting to receive the ball. Generally, however, the defence plays to defend and, at times, grimly for the full ninety minutes. Intelligent defensive work is a matter of absolute harmony between backs and half-backs, who cover each other when positioning in the face of a dangerous raid. This is not so much habit of play, but keen judgment in anticipating the angle or line in which the ball is likely to be passed.

Half-back play consists mainly in keeping the forwards well fed with goalward passes, and to help at back when hard pressed. The centre-half is the key position in the defence, and is mainly responsible also in opening up the game for the wing forwards. His position in modern football is becoming increasingly hard; the amount of work he has to get through during a normal League game is enormous. He heads the ball more times than any other three men in the team, and heading is one of the supreme qualifications in a centre-half-back. A centre-half should be tall, six feet or more, and weight not less than twelve stone.

The successful team is one generally possessing an outstanding centre-half-back. With the wing halves, he controls the spine of the team. His failure overworks the backs, harassing their position and giving an opening to a raiding offensive exploited by fast opposing forwards. Even the wing halves cannot completely cover his breakdown. To do so means leaving the outside forwards unmasked with disastrous results.

Halves Must Be Versatile

According to the fluctuations of the game the half-backs help either the forwards or the backs. A half-back has to be the most versatile player in the team. He opens up the game in attack, and by long, low passes gives his forwards the chance of moving towards the opposing goal.

One also finds him on his own team's goal-line repelling a stout attack. In successful defensive work his decision and well-judged movements bring renewed confidence to the whole team.

At dribbling and shooting, the successful half-back should be an expert, and be of good physique. He should be able to execute a long place kick to relieve the back. He must possess tireless energy; upon him rests the great

est strain of the game. He has always to be in the right place in the tick of time, and able at a glance to size-up the whole field. An adept at anticipation, the half-back, more than any of his fellow players, has to judge the intention of opponents.

Successful half-backs, hard-pressed when defending their goal, never unsight the goalkeeper. This is essential to intelligent half-back play, and brings confidence to backs and goalkeeper. The "open" defence is often far safer than "crowding" the goal and unsighting the goalkeeper who, with his hands as well as his feet, might very well be relied upon to clear his goal under most normal circumstances. Plucky goals are scored from "crowding" and scrimmages in the goal mouth.

The last line of the defence are the backs. Their business is to defend. Rarely do they find a chance of attacking except in a well-placed free kick in the opponent's half. Successful backs have two minds with a single thought—stopping the forwards at all costs. They are the destructors of movements, planned and being, tried by opposing forwards. Their big job is keeping the invader away from the goal when he has beaten the half-back. Through hard tackling, and hard, well-placed kicking, he relieves the pressure and gives his forwards the chance of making ground in the opponent's half.

A successful back must be able to kick hard and accurately from any angle, and possess rare judgment in revelling the ball when it is diving down through the air. The well-placed kick, at the right length and height, often leads up to an attack resulting in a goal. It must not be thought that a back, because he is not in the picture every minute of the game, has merely to defend by punting the ball back up the field. His faultless work and defensive judgment often save his side from a bad collapse.

Under pressure from fast-moving forwards, it is a fascinating sight watching backs who are artists at the game. They cover each other's movements, and at the same time keep an eye on the goal. In emergency there is not one goalkeeper, but three. Successful defensive play by the backs is a matter of long and arduous practice, and the experience is gained only through many a heartbreaking game, and not a few mistakes which may have cost goals or even a couple of points.

The Ideal Goalkeeper

Finally, a first-class goalkeeper, apart from his abilities as a footballer, must have the gift of supreme self-control. His job bars excitement, neither must he lose his head under the hottest attack from the opposing forwards. He is confident, calm and self-possessed on all occasions. He must have super-eyesight, and never for a

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the week-end soccer programme:

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION	
Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)	v. Kwong Wah
Kowloon (4.00 p.m.)	v. Navy
Club (4.00 p.m.)	v. South China
SECOND DIVISION	
South China (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)	v. Service Corps
Kowloon (2.30 p.m.)	v. Engineers
Club (2.30 p.m.)	v. R. Scots
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)	v. 35th R.A.
Signals (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)	v. 7th R.A.
12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)	v. Medicals
International (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	v. Shell
20th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)	v. 36th R.A.
Engineers (Military, 4.00 p.m.)	v. Service Corps

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION	
Eastern (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	v. Police
Sing Tao (Club, 4.00 p.m.)	v. St. Joseph's
SECOND DIVISION	
R. Navy (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)	v. Kwong Wah
Sing Tao (Club, 2.30 p.m.)	v. 30th R.A.
THIRD DIVISION	
A.S.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)	v. 24th R.A.

FOOTBALL MATCH POSTPONED

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 35th Royal Artillery which should be played on Saturday at Chatham Road has been postponed owing to military duties of the former team.

moment neglect it. His gathering of the ball, his place-kicking, his agile movements in defending suggest the master goalie between the posts. When the ball comes as far down the field as the goalie, his is the last chance of stopping it from entering the goal. A goalkeeper's confident play finds an instant successful reflection in the work of the team.

The gifted defence is one player with six minds, and six minds in one player—it is the football fortress. Halves, backs, and goalkeeper acting as a machine, swift in that they will have some goals scored against them, they will make certain also that they do their work sufficiently well to give their own forwards the chance to score two to every one of their opponents.

The best defence gets scored against it sometimes—it also assures when initiating brilliant scoring openings; that the forwards have a sporting chance of making matters level.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

LAST week-end, two more games were played in the Garrison Billiards League between C. M. Police and Ordnance Corps, Signals, and 5th A.A.

Billiards

The first game resulted in a win for the Police who scored 807 points against Ordnance who registered 687 points.

C.M.P. ORDNANCE
L/C Thompson 150 Pte. Pophlow 93
L/C Willis 150 S/Cdr. Gardner 139
L/C Marlin 57 L/C Paul 150
Capt. Hyde 150 Sgt. Howlson 97
Sgt. Whitton 150 L/C Saunders 97
L/C Tegarty 150 Cpl. Ewen 129

Total 807 Total 687
The second game, between Signals and 5th A.A., resulted in a win for Signals, who scored 828, and A.A.s 809.

SIGNALS 5TH A.A.
Sgt. Pearson 133 Bdr. Kennedy 150
Sgt. Brackenbury 150 Gnr. McManus 121
L/C Pitcher 150 Sgt. Levis 138
L/C Murphy 93 Gnr. Milne 150
Sig. Lilley 150 Q.M.S. Beanount 126
Sig. Morgan 150 B.S.M. Humphreys 126

Total 828 Total 809
Breaks over twenty and over.

LAST Sunday Royal Air Force defeated Combined Military Hospital by one goal to nil in the Departmental Hockey League. This game was the final match and makes the Airmen winners of the Hockey Shield, which will be presented to them next Sunday after a match which is being arranged.

Hockey

FEW SOCCER POSTPONEMENTS

It was generally thought, at the beginning of the football season, that Volunteer and military duties would cause the postponement of a large number of League games throughout the season and that the League would not be able to be carried on in a normal manner.

The first half of the season is now over and it is interesting to note that comparatively few matches have been postponed. Service teams have made arrangements, where possible, to play off postponed matches with the result that no game, in which two service teams are concerned, is outstanding.

With the Shield competitions starting soon, and dates especially set aside for these games, it is probable that some of the teams, who are not drawn in the First Round, will play off their postponed games then, thus easing the situation still further.

The following are the postponed games:

FIRST DIVISION	
Kowloon	v. St. Joseph's
Club	v. Kwong Wah
Club	v. Royal Scots
Kowloon	v. Club
Navy	v. Police
SECOND DIVISION	
Sing Tao	v. Navy
South China	v. Engineers
Kowloon	v. Ordnance
Ordnance	v. Service Corps
Club	v. Police
THIRD DIVISION	
International	v. 35th R.A.
Engineers	v. A.S.A.

SHIELD ENTRIES

Following are the entries for the Shield Competitions. The draw for the First Round will be made at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Football Association, to-morrow.

SENIOR
Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, and 4/12th Royal Artillery. (12 teams).

JUNIOR
Club, Kowloon, St. Joseph's, Police, Middlesex, Royal Scots, Navy, South China, Eastern, Sing Tao, (2), Engineers, International, 12th R.A., Kit Chee, Ordnance, Signals, 30th R.A., Service Corps, Medicals, 24th R.A. and 30th R.A. (22 teams).

FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

In preparation for the forthcoming "Sunday Herald" International Charity Series, Portugal are arranging a series of practices during the next fortnight.

The following have been asked to attend these practices:
U. B. Souza, R. Marques, D. Demmeo, C. Romedios, A. V. Gossano, A. J. Pereira, G. Fernandes, R. Maxwell, H. Campos, R. Rocha, C. Santos, J. Gomes, T. Alves, G. Gossano, and B. Gossano.

ranked between Air Force and a representative team from the Small Units.

FOLLOWING dates have been fixed for the Area Boxing competitions to be held early next year.

Inter-Unit team boxing competition will be held at Murray Barracks on Wednesday and Thursday, February 12 and 13. Area Open Individuals and Boys' competitions will be held at Murray Barracks, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 11, 12 and 13, 1941.

The Open Inter-Unit Team competition will be held at Nanking Barracks, Shamshui-poo, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 8, 9 and 10, 1941.

THIS week Army did not fare so well against the Kowloon Cricket Club who beat them by 7 wickets.

We must congratulate Capt. J. F. Lawrence in getting his first century of the season in 85 minutes for Club on Saturday. Sgt. Webb and Tropp were the Army's best performers, with the former scoring 27 runs, and the latter 24 runs not out.

The Army bowlers could not settle down, and they tried out six without any satisfaction. Last year, Hatfield proved a good bowler and it might be a good idea if they gave him another try this season.

Lieut. Fergus was Army's best bowler with two wickets for 24 runs.

At Sookunpoo, on Saturday Ordnance Corps drew with Pay Corps, Ordnance scoring 153 for 7 declared, Emberson scoring 39 runs in which he hit seven fours, and Barnes made 31 runs in which he made four fours. Standing was their best bowler with 3 wickets for 25 runs.

Pay Corps replied with 123 for 7 wickets, Sgt. Murray making 78 runs out of the 123, and Lockhurst was the Pay Corps' best bowler taking 5 wickets for 82 runs.

On Sunday Pay Corps defeated 12th Hvy. Regt. by eight wickets. Stonor and Murray made a big stand. They realised 85 runs between them in which Stonor made 53 runs, not out, hitting seven fours, and Murray 42, not out, hit six fours in his innings, besides doing well with his bowling by taking 5 wickets for 33 runs. The total score for Pay Corps was 115 for two wickets declared.

The Gunners scored 114 runs all out, with Denton making 27 runs, and Downes 19.

Next Sunday Headquarters cricket eleven will play Medicals at Sookunpoo, game starting at 2 p.m., and the following have been asked to play:

Brigadier T. McLeod, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Capt. A. W. F. Peal, S.Q.M.S. Taylor, Sgt. Chalcraft, Sgt. Hemming, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Smart, Cpl. Ingelby, L/C Stonor and L/C Murphy. Reserves: Sgt. Murray, Gnr. Reid, Gnr. Baldwin and Pte. Holden.

FOR the first time at Caroline Hill on Saturday the Royal Scots first eleven lost to South China by 3 goals to nil.

Association Football: The Engineers are still winning in the Second Division, their latest victims being the Navy, whom they beat by eight clear goals on Sunday at Causeway Bay.

Service Corps are only one point behind them and a close finish is visualised especially since they have a good goal scoring record of 65 goals.

Engineers are the only remaining team in League this season not to have been beaten.

On Thursday "D" Company of Royal Scots will play 24th Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo, in the Semi-Final of the Small Units football competition. Last week H.Q. Company of Middlesex beat H.Q. Company of Royal Scots by two goals to nil.

The Final will be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, December 18, at 4 p.m.

Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has kindly consented to present the Cups and Medals at the conclusion of the game to the winners and runners up.

ARMY easily accounted for Police in the Quadrangular Rugby tournament on Saturday, when they won by 10 points to 3. This gives the

Rugby Army a good chance of still being able to win the League, now being on level terms with Navy, each having won one game and drawn one.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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BROTHER PUT FIGHTING BLOOD IN ZIVIC'S VEINS

A Real Champion Following A Slow Start

MOST FIGHT FOLLOWERS were astounded recently when Ferdinand Zivic, a despised short-ender, had Henry Armstrong flat on the floor at the end of 15 rounds in lifting the world welterweight championship at Madison Square Garden the other night, writes a correspondent from New York.

They remembered too many of the Pittsburgh lad's early reverses as a professional. Practically everybody beat Ferdinand, who took the name Fritzle when he joined the Henry Armstrong money ranks.

But the youngest and last of the Five Fighting Zivics got going in 1937, when he knocked out Johnny Jadick and repulsed Bobby Pacho, Chuck Woods and another one or two.

And then, as his brother Jack, a fine lightweight in his day, remarked at the time, Fritzle had fighting blood put in his veins.

Fritzle nearly died of pneumonia. It was Jack's blood in a transfusion that turned the tide.

Doctors said Fritzle would never fight again, but he was back in the thick of things on Christmas night of that year, when he dropped a decision to Tommy Bland in Pittsburgh.

Beat Angott, Meets Armstrong

An attack of pneumonia seemed to improve Tony Galento, and had the same effect on Fritzle Zivic.

He started rolling in 1938, and has been hitting it up in high ever since. His only serious setback since his sick spell was a knock-out at the fists of Milt Aron in Chicago, but he had Aron in the slag four times before he was clipped.

Yet Fritzle Zivic was doing one-night stands around the country until he qualified for the Armstrong match by beating Sammy Angott, the N. B. A. lightweight leader, in a non-title affair.

In seven years of boxing, Fritzle has learned to do it all well. He can place his head against that of a rival and whale away until the cows come home, and he can box like blazes at long range. He has a fine left jab and a hook as well as the right hand uppercut to the body and chin which upset Armstrong. He takes a good belt, and is totally unafraid.

Battered Armstrong May Hang Up Gloves

Zivic was then matched to meet Al Davis of Brownsville in a 15-round non-title battle at the Garden, November 15, and was signed to give Armstrong another chance, January.

Those close to Armstrong doubt that he will be ready to return to the wars in mid-January, however, and question whether he will ever fight again.

Zivic opened all the old cuts and some new ones. Armstrong has plenty of money, and may no longer have the urge when his wounds heal.

Armstrong's slashing style made nearly all of his many fights hard ones.

Those who saw the rough and cruel party at the Garden the other night would not give the Armstrong who has been so badly battered much of a chance against Zivic in a return bout.

For the Fritzle Zivic, who so suddenly arrived after a slow start, is far from being a cheese champion.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is Sunday's Tournament hockey programme—
At 10.30 A.M.
A. N. Other v 5th A.A. "B"
Police "A" v University
Recreo v Nomads
At 4 p.m.
Pudabla v Gunboats
Destroyer v Signals
Police "B" v Khalsa
2nd M.T.B. v 6th A.A. "A"

CONN NOT LIKELY TO MEET FARR

I take with the proverbial grain of salt reports that Tommy Farr can have a match with Joe Conn providing he will go to America, writes Norman Hurst.

I do not doubt for a moment that the big, young Welshman could be matched with Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, but I doubt even Mike Jacobs' ability to get Conn in the ring with Farr.

Against Farr, Conn, conceding two stone, would have everything to lose and nothing to gain, for Conn won his way to within hail of a match with Joe Louis, while Farr lost five matches over the other side.

Thus Conn's manager would put up the fight manager's age-old smoke-screen of "let Farr go and lick one of the others before he meets Conn."

On the record book Conn is shown as a consistent winner, while Farr is a constant loser so far as America is concerned.

Permit Question

Then there is the question of obtaining the "exit permit," the permission necessary to leave this country, which must be obtained for any male between the age of 16 and 60.

Mike Jacobs is said to have mentioned that the British Red Cross would benefit as the result of Tommy Farr travelling to America and fighting there, but "Uncle Mike" does not say whether the entire proceeds of this show are to be turned over to the British Red Cross or just a percentage of the receipts.

It must be chalked up to the credit of Farr that he says: "All he wants is his expenses out of the deal."

C.S.C. CRICKET TEAMS

On Saturday, the first and second teams of Civil Service Cricket Club will be engaged in friendly cricket matches. The first XI will be playing the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground at 2 p.m., and the second XI will also be meeting the I.R.C. at the same time but on the home ground.

Following are their teams:
1st XI: J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, E. Baker, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. L. Smith, N. Whitley.
2nd XI: H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Burrow, W. H. Colledge, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP

The following qualified in the December round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Captain's Cup during the week-end:
Old Course: K. S. Robertson 70-0=73 (23 entries).
New Course: H. A. Mills 80-20=100 (five entries).

STUBBS SHIELD

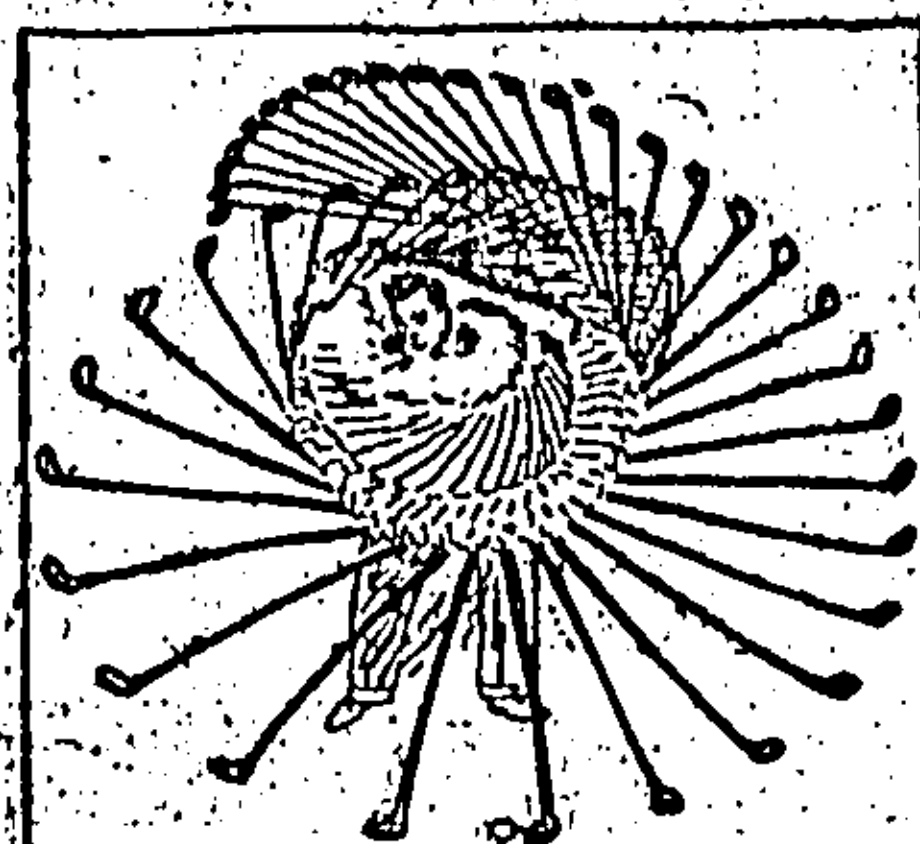
Following are the results of the First Round of the Stubbs Shield Competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club—
H.K. and Shanghai Bank beat C.S.O. at 10th.
R.A.O.C. beat Headquarters, China Command-at 10th.
Education Dept. beat Army Dental Corps 4 and 3.
5th A.A. Regt. beat A.P.C. at 10th.
Dairy Farm beat H.K.V.D.C. 1 up.
J. D. Hutchinson & Co. beat Leigh and Orange 2 and 1.
Byes: Gilman & Co., H.K.S.R.A., 12th Heavy Regt. R.A., Air Raid Wardens, Port Office Dept., Butterfield and Swire, Dodwells, Govt. Medical Dept.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The women's sweepstake race over 7.8 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Redshank	4.29.49	Miss P. T. Pritchard	1
True Blue	4.30.24	Mrs. H. Crawhall Wilson	2
Gull	4.31.26	Miss B. M. Richards	3
Guri	4.34.42	Mrs. S. Christenson	4
Artemis	4.34.59	Miss N. Potter	5
Typrene Chai	4.36.03	Mrs. W. Whittaker	6

GRAPHIC GOLF



WHISTLE WHILE YOU SWING TO PROMOTE SMOOTH STROKE.
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SMOOTHING OUT THE STROKE

By BEST BALL

Whistling while one works at his golf stroke serves a two barrel purpose. In addition to keeping the player in good humour, under sometimes trying conditions, it aids a relaxed stroke. It is not recommended for use in actual play for one's opponent may take exception to the tune, particularly so if he has just blown a two or three foot putt. However it is useful on the practice tee.

Strive to maintain a rather low and even pitch all through the stroke. At first it won't be easy, it is quite likely to cease just a bit before

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS

The Medal Pool of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held over the New Course, Fanling, from November 23 to December 3 was won by Mrs. A. D. Humphreys 101-33=68.

Runner up Mrs. H. C. Margrett 98-25=71.

There were 21 entries, the fees for which are being donated to the Mobile Canteen Fund.

Entries for the Ross Cup have been extended until December 31.

A special Train will run from Kowloon at 9.42 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, for members of the A.N.S. and V.A.D. taking part in the Tombstone Competition.

The Draw for partners will take place about 10.30 a.m. in the Ladies' Clubhouse.

Handicaps will be given for the day.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. followed by the Presentation of the Prize.

the impact stage when the player is making his greatest swinging effort. It is here that tension creeps in and ties up the muscles. The whistle ceases abruptly. To keep up the tune the muscles must be loose. Practice will effect a cure and the reward will be smoother stroke free from halts and jerks.
Next Article:—Traps Can be Of Aid.

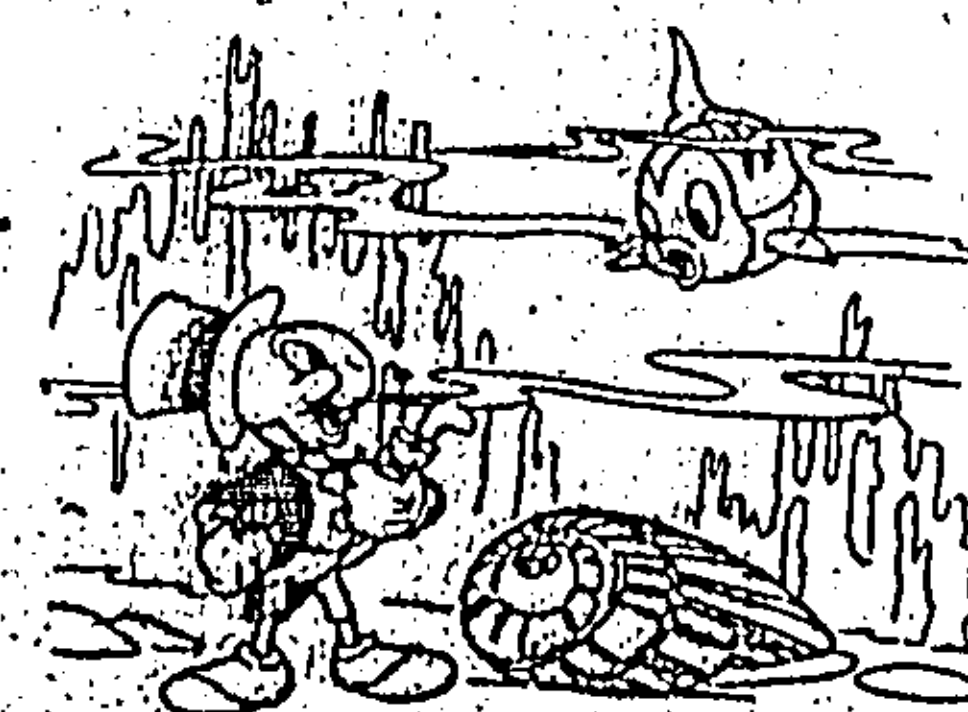


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GERMAN U-BOAT BASES IN FRANCE ATTACKED

Brest And Lorient Get Second Visit In 24 Hours

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN AFRICA

R.A.F. BOMBERS ATTACKED BENINA AERODROME, IN THE WESTERN DESERT, ON THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY, AND ONE HANGAR WAS COMPLETELY BURNED OUT AND THREE OTHER FIRES STARTED. ANNOUNCED THE R.A.F.'S EGYPTIAN HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Incendiary and high explosive bombs also fell among aircraft while one was set on fire.

A Rhodesian squadron bombed Adardeb, in Italian East Africa, achieving a direct hit on a machine-gun post. Several fires were started, bombs fell among stores and dumps and a second machine-gun post was silenced by machine-gun fire from R.A.F. aircraft.

Asmara was attacked on Saturday, causing a fire in hangars while a large petrol fire was started during a raid on Burria, in Italian East Africa. Enemy fighters intercepted during the raid and one R.A.F. plane was shot down. — Reuter.

BANKING SHARES GIVEN A BOOST

British banking shares continued on the London Stock Exchange yesterday quietly to enjoy a revival of interest but otherwise generally dull conditions prevailed, with prices in most groups following gilt-edged to slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues, Greek and Chinese bonds hardened; others were quietly steady. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

DUSSELDORF AGAIN PRIMARY TARGET

THE R.A.F. MADE a return visit to German U-boat bases at Brest and Lorient on Sunday night — attacked only 24 hours before — as well as to that of Bordeaux.

A great fire was started among buildings between two of the dock basins at Bordeaux; and at Brest the roof of one dockside building was seen to fall in, while other bombs struck around the port, military and naval barracks and dry docks.

"We clouded Dusseldorf good and hard," said one pilot of a British bomber which participated in another concentrated attack on Sunday night on the large industrial area of Dusseldorf.

The pilot said the raid began shortly after 6 p.m. in bright moonlight. Visibility was excellent, the Rhine bridges being clearly distinguished.

One pilot, bombing from a height of several thousand feet, actually was able to see flames streaming from windows of a factory in the area of the chief target, which was again blast furnaces of the steel works manufacturing railway and shipping equipment and other war material.

Three large fires, and many small ones, followed the bursting of the first bombs.

Hundreds Of Incendiaries

The British aircraft then crowded in in quick succession, says the Air Ministry, dropping heavy bombs accurately on the steel works and pelting the entire area with hundreds of incendiaries.

Great banks of smoke obscured the scene for some of the latecomers but the pilots generally did not meet this trouble and as they returned to base one after another reported great destruction and stated that from 30 to 40 miles away it was plain that many fires had taken a firm hold. — Reuter.

Supply Train Attacked

One aircraft ten minutes after bombing the steel works dived down upon a supply train near Geldern, south-west of Dusseldorf, and machine-gunned it from a height of 50 feet.

The raid on Bordeaux, chief port in the Bay Biscay, was carried out by a strong force of heavy bombers which flew right across the plains of western France.

As part of the much advertised "New phase of the war" the Germans are using Bordeaux as a submarine base from which to attack our merchant shipping in the Atlantic but the R.A.F. are tackling this as they did the phase of projected invasion.

The flight to Bordeaux is one with which British pilots are familiar. The great stores of oil which the Germans accumulated in Bordeaux have already been fired.

Find Dock

A heavy raid was made on a neighbouring aerodrome from which some of Germany's largest bombers go out to attack the Atlantic trade route.

First of our bombers arrived over Bordeaux at about half past seven in the evening, states the Air Ministry news service, and it was more than two and a half hours before the last turned for home.

All pilots were extremely pleased with the weather and clear sky. (Many sought and found the No. 1 work dock where German submarines are moored along the dock wall.

Aircraft came over one by one in quick succession and made their attacks independently. Pilots' reports make a long and businesslike catalogue of fires and explosions.

Two points stand out—an explosion, because it lit the inside of aircraft flying well over 11,000 feet, and a fire because it could be seen burning very fiercely without smoke from near the mouth of the Gironde, some fifty miles away.

Lock Gates Hit

Pilots are certain that many heavy high explosive bombs fell very close to, if not on, submarines in dock and it is believed the lock gates were hit when a large number of bursts was followed by a chattering explosion at the entrance to the

STOP PRESS

"Negotiations are proceeding and it is hoped that the ship will be allowed to leave Hoihow for Hong Kong very soon," stated Mr. F. A. Xavier, the Panama Consul-General, this morning with reference to the latest developments in the detention of the Panama ship, Hellenic Trader, by the Japanese navy.

The ship has been refused clearance from Hoihow since last Friday.

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docks.

Other heavy bombs fell among warehouses, railway sidings and jetties with good effect, and the bombers had time and ammunition to spare for an attack on a nearby aero-engine construction works which was hit and set alight.

Bordeaux was found heavily defended by batteries of anti-aircraft guns mounted in ships and on land. — British Wireless.

BOMBER SHOT DOWN

An enemy bomber was shot down in the North Sea yesterday afternoon by R.A.F. fighters. It is officially stated, says British Wireless.

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IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THAT THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL THOUSAND ITALIANS PRISONER IN THE POWERFUL DRIVE ALONG A WIDE SECTOR OF THE PARCHED WESTERN DESERT YESTERDAY WHICH SUDDENLY ENDED THE THREE-MONTHS STALEMATE ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT.

Five hundred Italians were captured in the Sidi Barrani area alone, and the British in Cairo claim "the operation is being extended satisfactorily and more enemy troops are being rounded up."

BRAZILIAN GESTURE

THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO APPOINT CHARGES D'AFFAIRES TO NORWAY, HOLLAND AND POLAND. IN LONDON, IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

The decision may be regarded as an extremely friendly gesture by Brazil to Britain.

This is the first visible outcome of the Willingdon Mission's visit to Brazil, and shows the sympathy which one of the largest South American nations feels for Britain in her struggle against the Dictators.—Reuter.

It is announced that the fight has been raging almost 24 hours while at the same time the R.A.F. launched violent attacks on nine Italian bases in North and East Africa.

The sudden British drive, which has dislodged the Italians from the favourable positions where they had been waiting for an offensive against Suez, amounts to a challenge to Italy to begin her long-delayed offensive.

The British Command in Cairo, however, says the action cannot be regarded as a major offensive in Egypt.—International News Service.

Show Must Go On!

Marshal Badoglio, deposed commander of Italy's armed forces, yesterday paid Mussolini a farewell visit and they had "a cordial talk," according to the official Italian news agency.

Mussolini has posthumously awarded the Gold Medal of Military Valour to Marshal Balbo.

Announcing the award, Mussolini speaks of Marshal Balbo as "the faithful soldier of the Duce" who made "the supreme sacrifice of his heroic life while preparing to hurl his gallant troops and powerful air squadrons across the frontier."—Reuter.

BRITISH "ACE" GETS D.S.O.

A pilot officer of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve who had already gained the D.F.C. and bar since September last receives the D.S.O. in the latest list of R.A.F. awards.

He is S. E. Lock, whose latest exploit in destroying two Messerschmidt 109's in action with his squadron against superior forces has brought his total success to 22.

When Lock gained the D.F.C. it was stated he had destroyed eight enemy aircraft within a week.

The bar to the D.F.C. resulted from a patrol action in the Dover area where he engaged three Heinkel 113's shooting one down and destroying a Messerschmidt 12 immediately afterwards.

The D.F.C. is awarded to Acting Squadron Leader D. S. Macdonald, who has taken part in 81 missions against the enemy.

Sergeant A. Maxwell, who has destroyed 14 aircraft, gains a bar to the D.F.C.—British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate; fair.

Bloody Disturbances In Florence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Further internal strife has broken out in Italy, according to reliable information received in Athens and released to the press last night.

It is understood that the residence of King Victor Emmanuel is being heavily guarded, under conditions greatly resembling detention, by detachments of Mussolini's Black Shirts.

Further bloody disturbances are reported from Florence and all radio sets in Italy have been sealed except for those in Fascist clubs.

Even here only Italian broadcasts are allowed to be heard. — International News Service.

TWO BRIGADES ANNIHILATED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MAKING A THRUST far beyond Argyrokastron the Greeks are now marching towards Khimara, near the Adriatic coast, it was reported in Athens last night.

The fighting, however, is constantly increasing in fierceness as the Fascists stand and fight at strong points in all sectors.

The Greeks hope to reach Khimara, 22 miles north-east of Argyrokastron, and cut off thousands of Italian soldiers who are retreating from Santi Quaranta.

An immense battle is also raging on the central front between Prometi and Frashorj, where the Greeks report that a full Italian division of 15,000 men has been broken and routed.

Further Greek progress is reported on the far northern front, though deepening snows west of Lake Okhrida are retarding the push towards Elbasan.

Two Brigades Annihilated

Reports from Argyrokastron claim that two Italian brigades which resisted the Greek entry into the northern suburbs were completely annihilated, which means the loss of 6,000 men.

The Greeks have already fully completed the occupation of Argyrokastron, leaving only minimum forces there while pushing on to Khimara.

The Italians are offering fierce rearguard resistance on all roads as they are fully aware of the danger to the major forces retreating from Santi Quaranta.

The retreating troops have repeatedly tried to draw in small Greek detachments, but Greek cavalry patrols quickly thwarted all Italian attempts to "pocket" the Greek vanguard.

The area in Albania now held by the Greeks comprises 200,000 inhabitants, two-fifths of Albania's road system and three-fifths of the agricultural and industrial production. — International News Service.

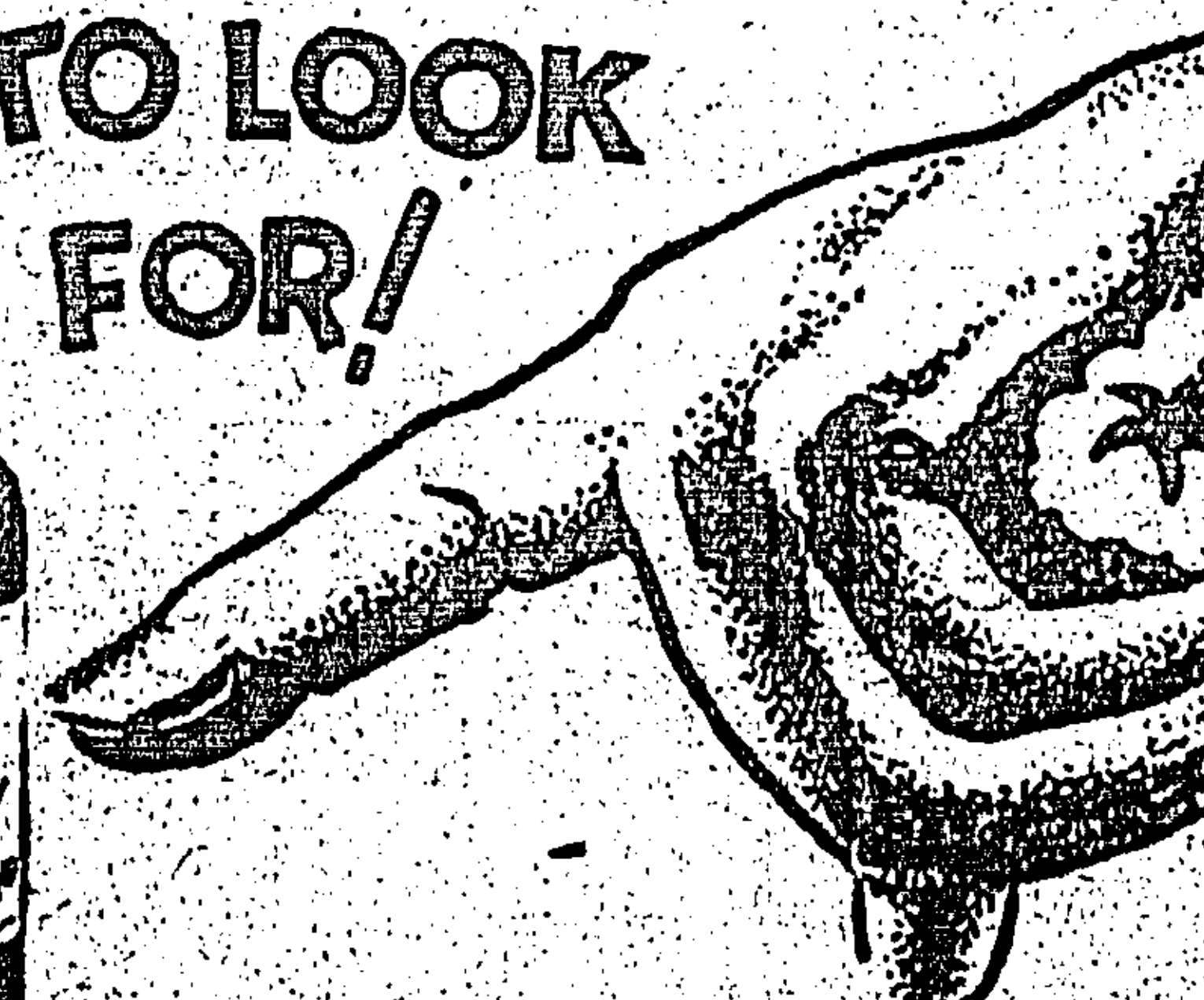
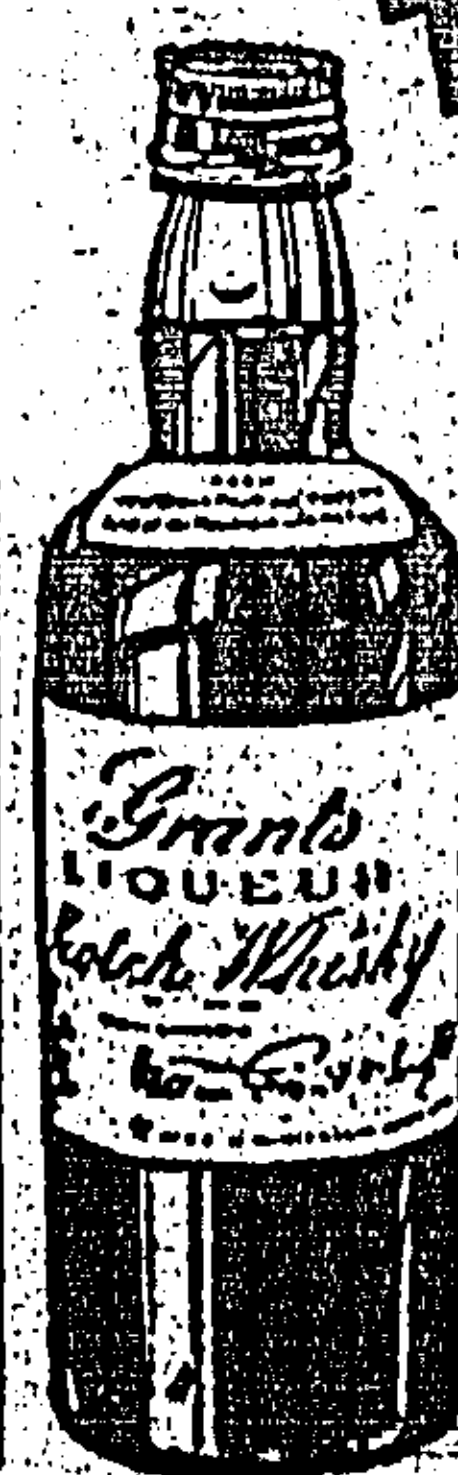
BRITAIN'S BALANCE SHEET

SIR FREDERICK PHILLIPS, UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE BRITISH TREASURY, CANCELLED THE APPOINTMENT AT THE UNITED STATES TREASURY IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE HAD MADE FOR YESTERDAY.

Cancellation, according to Treasury officials, was apparently because he had not yet completed the data which he wished to present in continuation of Friday's discussions.

Next conference is expected to be held to-day. — Reuter.

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Fire-Eating Matsuoka Comes Down To Honeyed Language

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The London Press yesterday was not slow to comment on the recent whole-sale resignations of Italian officers.

Typical, perhaps, was the "Daily Sketch," which printed a photograph on its front page.

The photograph shows Mussolini with three former leaders — Admiral Cavignari, Badoglio and Marshal Balbo (who was mysteriously killed in an air accident last June) — bears the caption: "Only one more to go!"

Several other British papers yesterday said that the removal of the one other will prove the only permanent settlement of Italy's differences.

"Signor Mussolini is alive to his own danger," commented the "Manchester Guardian."

"He knows what secret questions are being whispered among the Italian people" — Reuter.

CANADIAN AIRMEN JOIN UNITS

THE R.A.F. YESTERDAY WELCOMED MORE CANADIAN AIRMEN WHEN A FRESH CONTINGENT ARRIVED AT A BRITISH PORT YESTERDAY.

These Canadians were trained under the Empire air training scheme and are fully qualified pilots and craftsmen. They will join R.A.F. units in various parts of the country.

All said that they were "itching to get at Jerry."

To whatever unit they may be sent, it is almost certain that they will find other Canadians and men from the Dominions who have already hit the enemy hard in bombers or fighters — Reuter.

"JAPAN WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO FIGHT IF THE UNITED STATES WENT TO WAR WITH GERMANY. JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY WILL HENCEFORTH REVOLVE ROUND THE THREE-POWER PACT, JUST AS IT USED TO REVOLVE ROUND THE ALLIANCE WITH BRITAIN.

These were two of a number of striking statements on Japan's future foreign policy since she signed the Three-Power Pact and made yesterday by Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, to foreign journalists in a talk lasting over an hour and a half.

"We thank the West for many of the things we have imported but we regret we imported some greedy notions, too," declared Mr. Matsuoka.

Deplores Ideas of Conquest Borrowed From The West!

"There is in this country a group of people enamoured of Western ideas of conquest but thoughtful and responsible sections of public opinion are fighting against it!"

"Should these ideas of conquest prevail, Japan could be said to have failed in her effort to construct a new order in East Asia."

While emphasising Japan's loyalty to the Three-Power Pact with Germany and Italy, Mr. Matsuoka said he hoped Japan

would be able to keep out of the European conflict.

Conciliatory Mood

He disclaimed any aggressive intentions towards the Netherlands East Indies, expressed hope for American "understanding" and spoke in conciliatory terms of Japan's relations with Soviet Russia.

Japan's policy in China would remain unchanged.

Questioned about Japan's intentions in "the South Seas re-

WANG REGIME TO ISSUE NEW NOTES

The Nanking regime is issuing its own currency on Jan. 15, according to a Trans-Ocean report from Nanking to-day, but will continue to recognise Chungking Government notes for a certain period, after which Chungking notes will be exchanged at par for Nanking notes and the former declared valueless in occupied territory. — Reuter.

glon," Mr. Matsuoka said: "Our ultimate aim is to establish a sound understanding with the Netherlands East Indies Government to enable us to participate in the peaceful economic development of the Dutch possessions."

"Japan has no interests other than economic in the Netherlands East Indies."

"Status Quo" Quibble

Reminded of his predecessor's statement that Japan was interested in the maintenance of the status quo in "the South Seas region," Mr. Matsuoka said changes were constantly taking place in a troubled world.

"Some of these changes are so sudden that Japan certainly has no intention of impeding them."

"Japan has no territorial ambitions," he continued. "She is helping her neighbours in greater Asia so that all peoples in this part of the world will be free to determine their own destinies."

"We are against the conquest and exploitation of East Asiatic countries, whether by Japan or any other nation."

Three-Power Pact

After making the statement cited at the beginning of the interview regarding the Three-Power Pact, Mr. Matsuoka added: "Essentially the pact is a peace treaty intended to prevent other powers joining in the European war or the China affair."

Asked how the pact would be applied if the United States became involved in the European war, Mr. Matsuoka replied: "The signatories of the pact would be called on to consult together as to whether the case came under the provisions of Article III."

"I hope such an eventuality will never occur."

Mr. Matsuoka added that even serious differences between Japan and the United States should "never lead to a fatal clash as to precipitate the catastrophe of war if only both of us mind our own business."

Foolish To Fight

"We hope and pray we may reach a better understanding. It would be foolish for Japan and the United States to fight."

"If we keep our heads the existing differences are not great enough to lead to war." — Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW TANK CHIEF

Attainment on a definite stage in the policy of rapidly increasing the armoured strength of the British Army is marked by a new appointment, namely, Commander of the Royal Armoured Corps.

First occupant of the post, whose appointment was announced in London yesterday, will be Major-General Giffard le Quesne-Martel. He served on the Staff of the Tank Corps in the last war and has been Deputy Director of Mechanisation at the War Office.

It was also officially announced yesterday that Lt. Gen. Alexander, who served with distinction in France and Belgium during the present war and was in command of the B.E.F. during the last days of the evacuation from Dunkirk, is now appointed to the Southern Command.

He replaces General Auchinleck, whose appointment as Commander-in-Chief, India, was recently notified. — Reuter.

RONIN TO CREATE TROUBLE

Feverish military preparations are going on in Formosa and Amoy following the appointment of the new Governor-General of Formosa, General Nakajima Yasutsune, who is regarded as an influential member of the Japanese Young Officers' Clique and also a staunch advocate of the southward expansion programme, according to a Chinese despatch.

The report adds that among new measures adopted is the organisation of the "South Asia Surveying Corps," comprising 400 Japanese ronin, or trouble-makers, in different parts of the Straits Settlements and South Seas who are stated to be divided into ten groups for the purpose of collecting information. — Reuter.

VICHY "PENALTY"

GENERAL DE GAULLE AND SEVERAL OTHER LEADING FREE FRENCHMEN HAVE BEEN "DEPRIVED OF FRENCH NATIONALITY," SAID A VICHY RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY.

The others include Admiral Catroux and Colonel de Larmont. — Reuter.

GENERAL GROSSI TAKES OVER

General Camillo Grossi has been appointed President of the Italian Armistice Commission in Syria, in succession to General Pietro Pintor, who was killed in an aeroplane crash on Sunday, according to the official Italian news agency yesterday. — Reuter.

CASTEL BENTO DAMAGE LARGE

Photographic reconnaissance has confirmed extensive damage done during the raid on Castel Bendo, near Tripoli, on Saturday, a communiqué from R.A.F. H.Q. in the Middle East said yesterday. — British Wireless.

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STIFFER ITALIAN RESISTANCE

Greeks Advancing Cautiously Against The Flanks

Bayonet Charges In Battle For Argyrokastron

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Greece)

THE GREEKS ARE ADVANCING CAUTIOUSLY TOWARDS CHIMARRA, 22 MILES WEST OF ARGYROKASTRON, ON THE COAST BETWEEN SANTI QUARANTA AND VALONA, IT WAS STATED IN ATHENS LAST EVENING.

GREEK LOSSES SMALL

Argyrokastron, whose capture by the Greeks was officially announced on Sunday, has only been slightly damaged and the Greeks have taken large quantities of Italian equipment there.

A correspondent who entered the town on the heels of the Greek infantry troops says that earlier reports describing the town as almost completely devastated by fire are greatly exaggerated.

Greek losses in the operations leading up to the fall of Argyrokastron have been small, he reports.

One expedient forced on the Italians was the use of tanks to protect their retreating troops, but even this was unsuccessful against the courage and tenacity of the Greeks.

The Greeks are not resting on their laurels and the latest reports state that they are maintaining contact with the retreating Italians and continually harassing them. — Reuter.

GERMANY AND THE GREEK WAR

Germany desires to liquidate the Italo-Greek conflict as soon as possible, wrote the Rome correspondent of the Yugoslav newspaper "Politika" yesterday.

The correspondent adds, however, that Rome newspapers continue to insist that the Italians will themselves liquidate "the war against England now being waged on the Greek front."

Another Rome correspondent declares "the problem of eventual German help has not even come into question." — Reuter.

HELLENIC TRADER

"Negotiations are proceeding and it is hoped that the ship will be allowed to leave Holbow for Hong Kong very soon," stated Mr. F. A. Xavier, the Panama Consul-General, this morning with reference to the latest developments in the detention of the Panama ship, Hellenic Trader, by the Japanese navy.

The ship has been refused clearance from Holbow since last Friday.

The movement threatens the flank of the Italians who are withdrawing northward from Santi Quaranta.

Reports received in Athens indicate that the Italian rearguards are stubbornly resisting the Greek push and are employing tactics designed to draw on small detachments of Greeks which would be vulnerable to counter-attack.

A cavalry screen has been thrown out by the Greeks in order to counter this plan.

Bitter fighting is raging in the centre of the present 80-mile long front where Italian resistance is reported as being very fierce.

Indication of the actual situation, however, is seen in orders found in the possession of an Italian officer captured at Premeti, instructing him to shoot any Italian who "unnecessarily retired."

Hard Fighting

Details only just available of the Greek capture of Argyrokastron show that the success was achieved only after hard fighting in the suburbs of the town during the night.

Finally a bayonet charge by the Greeks in the early hours of the morning dislodged the Italians from their positions and bedraggled, weary and triumphant, the Greeks staged a victory march through the town during a heavy downpour of rain and sleet.

Many advance detachments of Greeks are not well supplied with food and in Argyrokastron it was found that the Italians had destroyed food and ammunition.

Much war material, however, was left intact.

Meanwhile all Greece has been celebrating this latest victory.

Resurrection Kiss

In Epirus, people have been giving each other the "Resurrection Kiss," usually reserved for Easter Sunday morning.

In bomb-scarred Salonika people gathered in the blacked-out streets singing patriotic songs.

There were shouts of "The Dodecanese" and women cried "Into the sea with the Macaronides." — Reuter.

GAOL FOR A YEAR

Male Hung, 25, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning for stealing \$1,597, a gold pocket watch valued at \$200, and other articles from No. 21, Gap Road, first floor, and jewellery and clothing valued at \$180 from No. 3, Gap Road, the residence of Mr. Jephson.

Defendant was also charged with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Some of the money and articles, valued at \$2,012 were recovered.

EXECUTION IN BORDEAUX

The German-controlled Paris Radio yesterday announced that a French wine-merchant had been executed at Bordeaux for "committing an act of violence against a member of the German armed forces."

This is the latest of many indications from French wireless stations of the extent of the resistance to the Germans in occupied France.

Lyons Radio yesterday again spoke of the secret printing places in Paris and of the wide distribution of patriotic pamphlets.

The German press and radio spoke of the "foolishness of resistance" and again went for the students of Paris (who, it will be recalled, staged a riot on Armistice Day).

These students form a useful scapegoat for the Nazis who can abuse them without admitting the wide-spread nature of the anti-German and anti-Vichy sentiment in France. — Reuter.

PRINTING PRESS FOR RUMANIA

GERMANY CAN SEND UNLIMITED EFFECTIVES INTO RUMANIA SINCE THE NUMBER OF SUCH EFFECTIVES IN RUMANIA IS NOT LIMITED BY ANY CLAUSE IN THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN PACT SIGNED IN BERLIN DURING THE VISIT OF GENERAL ANTON-ESCU, ACCORDING TO THE ISTANBUL CORRESPONDENT OF THE FREE FRENCH AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The correspondent adds that the National Bank of Rumania has ordered a new printing press from Germany to increase the country's technical capacity for printing notes as the present capacity of 90 million lei daily is insufficient to meet new extraordinary expenses due to the territorial amputations, the recent earthquakes and the German occupation. — Reuter.



Lieutenant R. B. Wood, R.N.V.R., and his bride, Miss Isabella Joan Seath, daughter of Mr. W. P. Seath of the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, photographed after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. (King's Studio).

COLONIAL BLINDED OFFICE M.O. HERO DECORATED

The Secretary for Colonies has appointed Dr. A. G. H. Smart his medical adviser succeeding Sir Wilson Jameson, who relinquished post upon his appointment as chief medical adviser in the Ministry of Health in November. Dr. Smart served in the Malayan Medical Service from 1912 and was senior medical adviser in St. Vincent from 1935 to 1938 since when he has been assistant medical officer in the Colonial Office. — British Wireless.

Jan Lasowski, a Pole who fought at Narvik, where he was wounded in both eyes and totally blinded, was decorated yesterday by General Sikorski with the "Virtue Military," highest Polish order for military valour. Lasowski, member of the Polish regiment "Chasseurs de Montagne" has, since he was wounded, been a patient at St. Dunstan's. — British Wireless.

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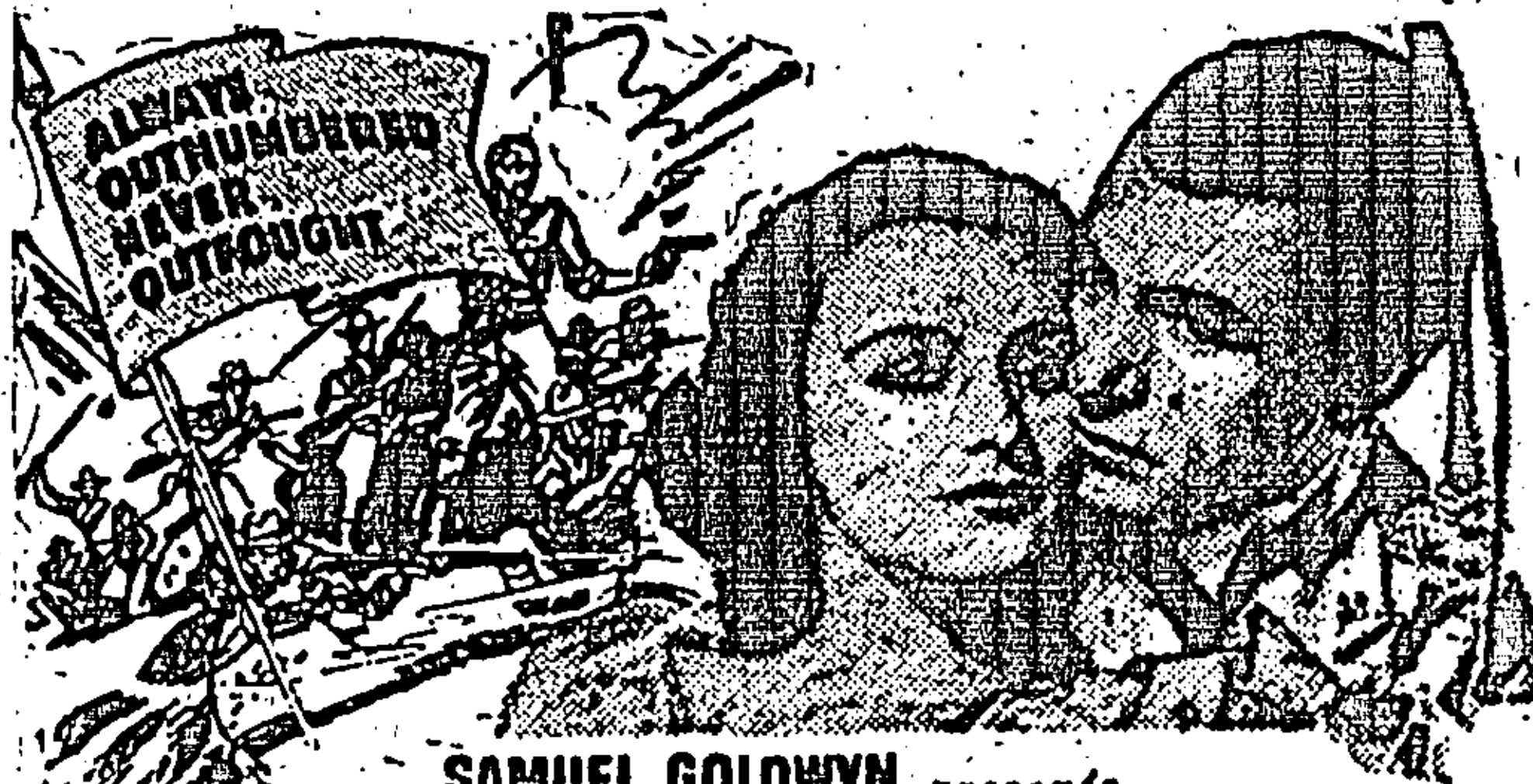
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AMERICAN ATTEMPT TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN VICHY

AMERICAN POLICY towards France was stated by well-informed circles in Washington yesterday to be threefold:—

Firstly, to make it widely known that American friendship would be sacrificed in the event of French military collaboration with Germany;

Secondly, to give some tangible evidence of goodwill; for example, the distribution of milk for French children and medical supplies for French sick;

Thirdly, to strengthen the French colonies and enable them better to resist M. Laval's efforts to induce them to join any arrangements to assist Germany.

It is now generally accepted in Washington that the appointment of Admiral William Leahy as Ambassador to Vichy is at least partly designed to strengthen the influence of Marshal Petain at the expense of the Axis-minded Laval.

North Africa Trip

Now comes a report that Mr. Robert Murphy, newly-appointed Counsellor of Embassy to Vichy, will visit North Africa en route, ostensibly to examine conditions there, but he will doubtless see General Weygand and discuss the economic needs of the North African colonies.

According to another report Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, recently had placed before General Weygand such a firm statement of policy that Weygand was quite astonished, thus indicating he had not been adequately or accurately informed by his colleagues in Vichy.

Economic Warfare

It is reported in Washington that the French press under M. Laval has sedulously spread the idea that America favours the new order in Europe, and Admiral Leahy is expected to take every opportunity to make the American position clear.

It is thought the United States may approach the British economic warfare authorities in regard to allowing milk for French children and medical supplies for the sick through the blockade, if it can be ensured that the Germans cannot divert these supplies.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL INSPECTS TROOPS

Sir Cyril Neville, who is leaving England in the near future to become Governor-General of New Zealand, inspected units of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force yesterday in the South of England.

He took the salute from a Maori battalion and commented on their smartness on parade. He saw infantry, artillery and medical units and spoke to many officers and men.—British Wireless.

COUNCIL DISPUTE WITH COMMITTEE

Reeth (Yorks) District Council has accepted the resignation of the local Billeting Committee and rescinded a motion that all persons refusing to accept billeting notice would be prosecuted.

It was also decided to postpone summonses on four people who were alleged to have refused to billet evacuees.

The decisions followed a letter from the billeting committee alleging that the council had failed to carry out its duties in enforcing the law.

Two members of the council will act as voluntary helpers to the chief billeting officer until a new committee is appointed.

KIDNAPPED GIRL'S STORY

How two children, playing in the street, were enticed away, and taken to Taipo by train, was related before Mr. E. Hims-worth this morning, when one of the children, a 10-year-old girl, gave evidence.

The man accused, Siu Hon-pan, 39, described as a travelling trader, was charged with kidnapping, and remanded until tomorrow.

He pleaded not guilty and indicated that he intended to call a witness.

The girl, Chan Wai-hing, stated that at 10 a.m. on November 30, she was playing with a boy in Reclamation Street when accused approached them and said that if they followed him to his home, they would be given new clothing. They followed him to a railway station at Yaumati, and boarded a train for Taipo, where they were taken to a house in which she met a woman and another young girl, said to be the woman's daughter.

The same night she and the boy were taken to the cinema and given money and sweets because she was crying to go to her own home.

They were again taken to a cinema show the following night, but after the picture, she fortunately saw her own uncle in the street and shouted for help.

Accused started to run, but was chased and arrested, while the woman, her daughter and the boy ran away.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is now highest over Korea, South Japan and the Eastern Sea, the depression remaining over the Pacific to the east of Hokkaido.

The southern depression or typhoon is situated to the north of Guam, moving northward.

SOLDIERS' PAY HINTS

Almost all delays in the receipt of soldiers' allowances are due to one of two causes; failure on the part of the soldiers to fill up the necessary forms correctly, or failure on the part of the orderly room of his unit to make a proper return to the regimental paymaster quickly.

These were the conclusions reached at a conference at York and several "do's" and "don'ts" were then suggested for soldiers and their wives.

"Don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange clerk when you register, or the recruiting officer, that you are married or wish to apply for dependant allowance," said the Command Paymaster of the Northern Command.

Promise To Mother

"If you get married after registering and before you are called up, don't forget to tell the Labour Exchange at which you registered.

"If you promised your mother to give her an allotment, don't forget to fill up the form.

"Never send marriage or birth certificates without a securely fixed note giving full particulars, including regimental number and regiment.

"Always notify immediately any change of address, any change in domestic circumstances, and the arrival of a new child.

"Remember that increased compulsory allotment consequent upon promotion is not payable until the end of the probationary period, which may be from three to twelve months.

"Most important of all is to remember to quote the regimental number and name of the regiment in all correspondence."

LET OFF: HELMET WAS GIFT

William Philpott, garage proprietor, accused at a North-Western police court of failing to report the finding of a German flying helmet and moving it from the scene of a crash, was let off on his plea that the helmet was a gift from the pilot.

BOMBER SHOT DOWN

An enemy bomber was shot down in the North Sea yesterday afternoon by R.A.F. fighters, it is officially stated, says British Wireless.

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JEW SUSS FLEES IN AIR RAID WOMAN'S DRESS

LION ("JEW SUSS") FEUCHTWANGER, aged fifty-six, writer of tales of human tragedy and falling empires, has arrived in New York to end a flight across Europe as exciting and fantastic as anything in his novels.

Small, frail and insignificant, he did not look as if he had a great story to tell when he stepped off among all the baggage and bustle from an American liner, the Excalibur.

But in faltering English Feuchtwanger, who is a German Jew, told how he escaped from a French internment camp after the armistice and fled to safety disguised as a woman.

He went to France when Hitler came to power, and there he wrote bitter pamphlets against the despoilers of his homeland and persecutors of his race.

Weekly Bath

When the Germans marched into France he was No. 1 on the "Must be killed" list. He was arrested in May, after hiding in the Pyrenees and sent to a concentration camp at Nimes.

Feuchtwanger was permitted to bathe once a week in the river near the camp. "It was during this weekly glimpse of freedom," he said, "that I gained my freedom."

"A young American smuggled me woman's clothes. I took them in a bundle to the river.

"While I was bathing I managed to change under the water. Then I dashed to a car which was waiting at the water's edge and we drove away.

"The French guards halted us. The driver said we were American citizens, and that the woman had just fallen into the river. The guards stepped back and we drove to freedom."

Existence in the French camp, said Feuchtwanger, was on an animal level.

"Food and water were at a premium, and there was no provision for sanitation."

After his escape from Nimes Feuchtwanger hid for six weeks in a French city. He never went into the street, never looked out from the windows.

At last Mrs. Feuchtwanger managed, through the help of friends, to join him. To get to Lisbon they obtained false passports and papers of safe conduct, again through the efforts of the unnamed American. And at midnight they were smuggled across the border.

AIR RAID CASUALTIES: COLONIAL OFFICE PLAN

Arrangements under which British residents in Hong Kong with relatives in England may be notified in the event of a casualty occurring during air raids have now been made by the Colonial Office.

The scheme is explained in the following copies of telegrams received by H.E. the O.A.G. from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, released for publication by Government this morning:

Circular No. 196.
5th October, 1940.

With a view to relieving anxiety which officers of the Colonial Service must feel regarding the safety of their relatives in this country while air raids continue I have had under consideration the question whether it would be possible to arrange for an officer to be notified if a near relative became a serious air raid casualty. It is impracticable to make any automatic arrangements but if information were received from the Colonial Office that a relative of an officer had become a casualty I should at once notify the officer concerned by telegraph through his Government. Members of the public here have been advised to carry about with them with their identity card the name and address of some person whom they would wish to be notified in the event of their becoming air raid casualties. I suggest that officers should ask their relatives to arrange with persons so named that if event occurs they shall inform the Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, giving full name, appointment and Colony of the officer concerned and his relationship to the casualty.

Extended To 'Unofficial'

Circular No. 238.
5th December, 1940.

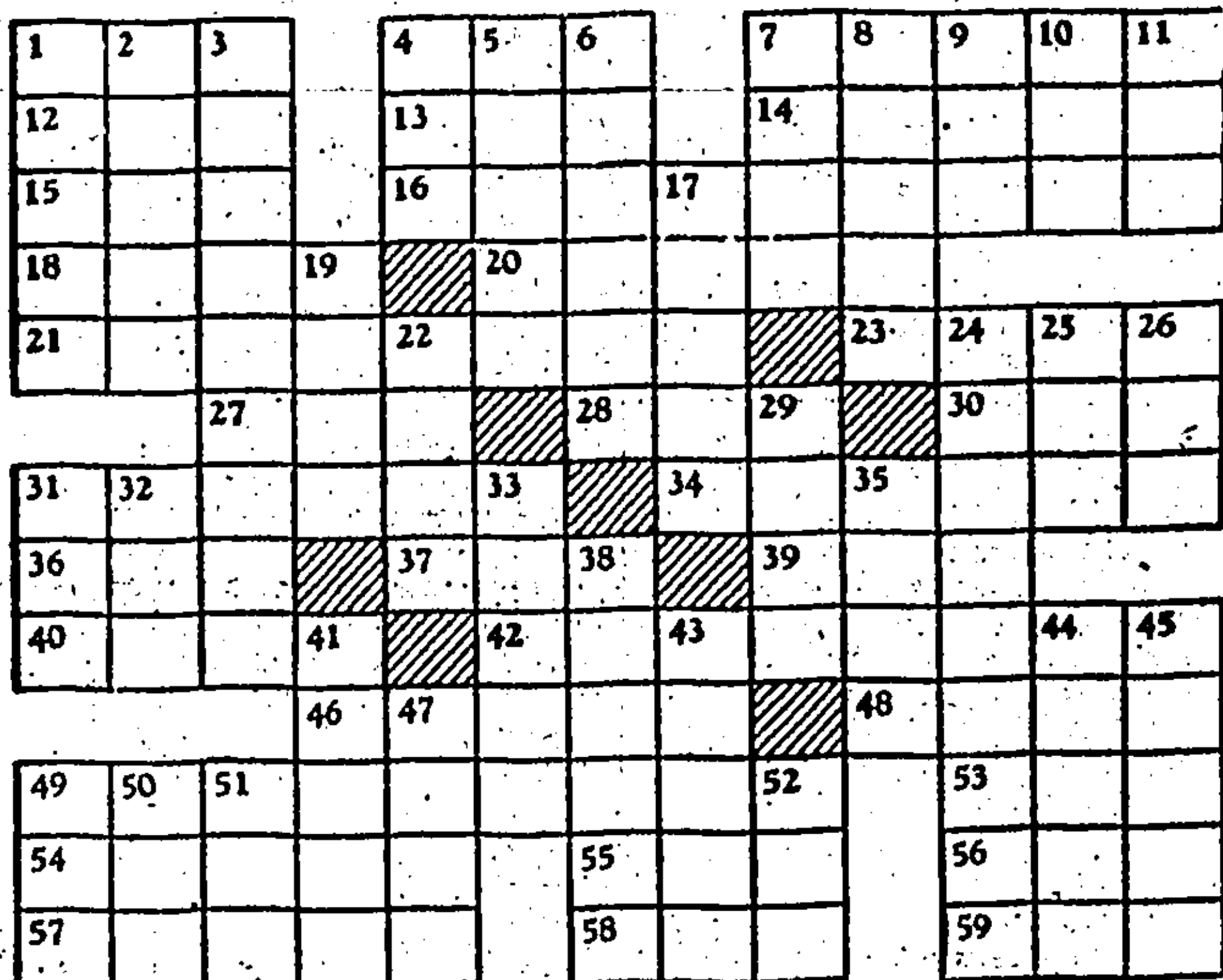
I have decided to extend to the unofficial resident in the Colonies the benefits of arrangements similar to those set out in my telegram No. 196 circular for notification of serious air raid casualties to the near relatives at home.

Unofficials who wish to receive such notification should take similar steps to those suggested for the officers in my telegram No. 196 circular.

The person in this country who reports casualty to the Colonial Office should give the full name and address of the unofficial (local resident not in Government service) concerned and his relationship to the casualty.

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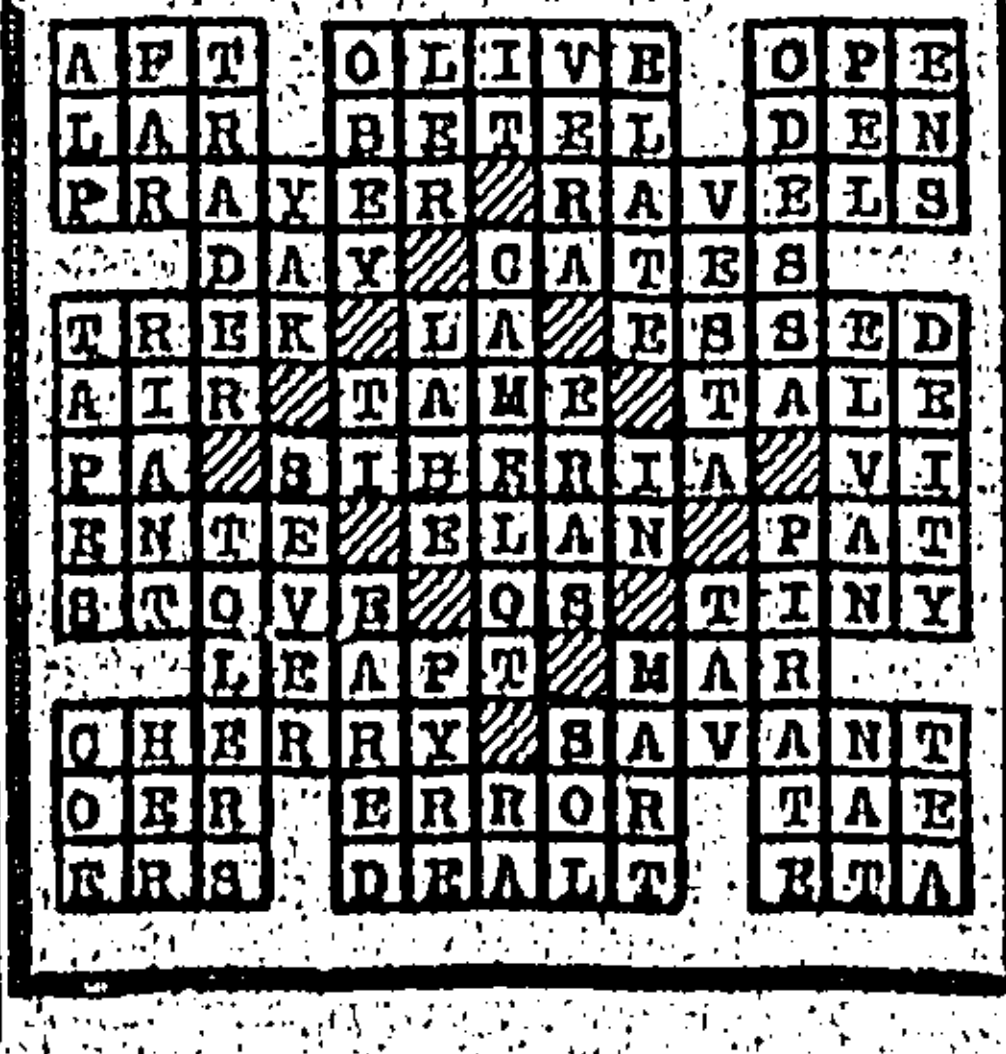
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- 1 To taste
- 4 To allow
- 7 Unduly
- 12 Prefix: three
- 13 Wing
- 14 Slanderous statement
- 15 Fuel
- 16 Deceitfulness
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- 20 Cessation of life
- 21 Court of equity
- 23 Ireland
- 27 Tibetan gazelle
- 28 To place
- 30 Biblical name
- 31 Russian seaport
- 34 Country in Europe and Asia
- 36 Animal hair
- 37 Hindu symbols
- 39 Burmese demon
- 40 Examination
- 42 Avariciousness
- 43 Sun-dried brick

VERTICAL

- 1 Impassive
- 2 Celtic
- 3 Looters
- 4 Youth
- 5 To escape
- 6 Lessens gradually
- 7 Narrow opening
- 8 Recess in a wall
- 9 Japanese sash
- 10 Wager
- 11 Furtive
- 17 Stratrum
- 19 Man's name
- 22 To throw
- 24 One who inculcates
- 25 Brazilian coin
- 26 Period of time
- 29 Food fish
- 31 Poetic: often
- 32 Owling
- 33 Brother of Moses
- 35 Pouches
- 36 Pertaining to lips
- 41 Makes dole
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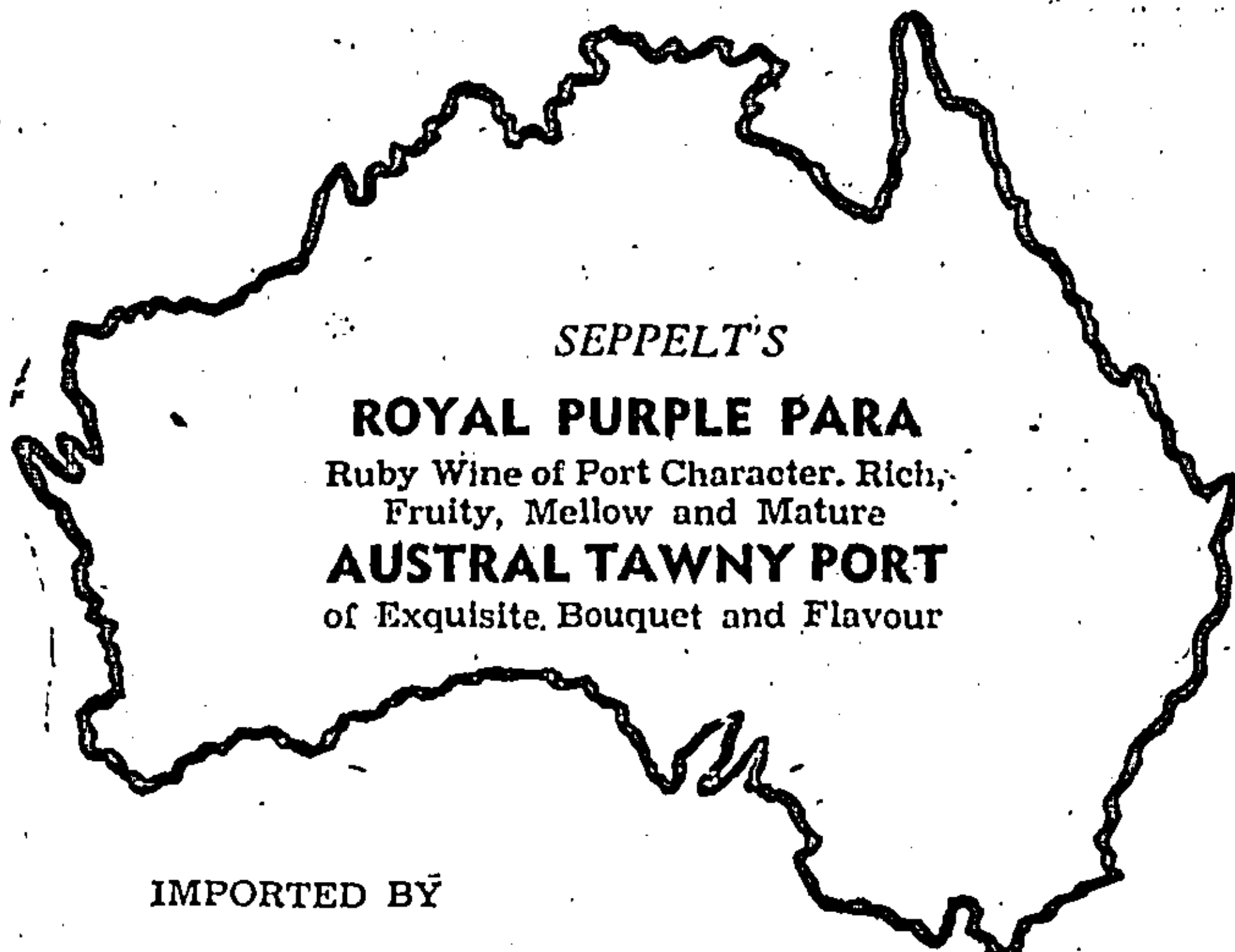
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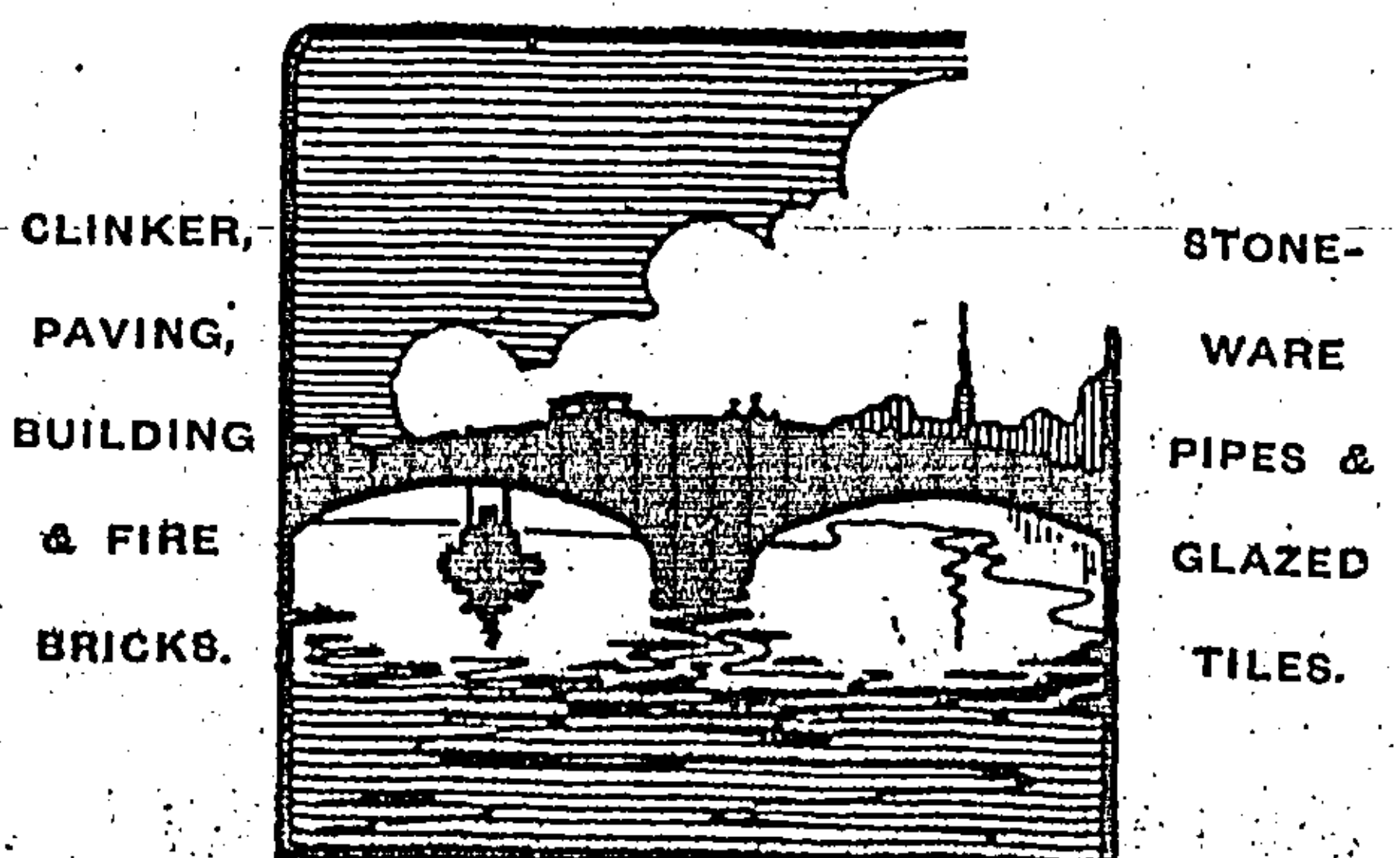


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FLANDIN TO OUST LAVAL? VICHY RAT CONTEST

(By Reuter's Chief Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY suggests that M. Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, has been losing ground lately, both with the Germans and Marshal Petain.

The Germans feel he is not making rapid enough progress in his policy of bringing France into line with the Axis, or rather with German plans for a new order, because Italy does not appear to have been consulted about this move.

Indeed, it is chiefly at Italy's expense that Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is trying to win France over to complete subservience.

Probably with a view to bringing extra pressure on Laval, the Germans are conniving at bringing about the admission of M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin into the French Cabinet.

It will be recalled that the first time Laval went to Paris he was kept waiting while the German Commissioner, Otto Abetz, saw M. Flandin.

Another String

It would be in keeping with German methods to have another string to their bow in Flandin, who would seem to be prepared to outbid Laval for German favours.

Marshal Petain seems to be showing some firmness in resisting Laval and for the moment seems to have checked the trend towards a complete understanding with Germany.

His attitude has undoubtedly been strengthened by growing discontent in unoccupied France as a result of the increasing hardships of the population.

Penury And Distress

There is general penury and distress and the Germans are unable or unwilling to do anything to relieve the situation, while the fact that the holding of nearly two million French soldiers as hostages is a source of bitter anguish and humiliation in a corresponding number of French households.

It was a clever stroke of Marshal Petain to send General Weygand to Morocco, to be out of reach of immediate pressure. It leaves the back door open through which is the possibility of ultimate escape.

With Italy's war potential practically paralysed by the hammer blows of Greece, backed by the Royal Navy and the R.A.F., the French armies in Algiers and Morocco might yet be called upon to play an important role in the restoration of France.—Reuter.

'STUBBORN' NORWAY THINKS WE SHALL WIN

"The Norwegian people are still hostile to Germany and are incredibly stubborn in their belief in and hopes of a British victory," says a report in the leading Nazi paper in Pomerania, the "Pommersche Zeitung."

"We must recognise that Germans are unpopular in Norway and one reason, among others, is that the Norwegians are lazy. They hate to see the industrious Germans working day and night on aerodromes, roads, etc.," says the paper.

It complains that Norwegians refuse to clean the shoes of German guests in the hotels and concludes: "Norwegians are far behind the Germans mentally and they are unable to understand the German idea of a new order in Europe. Their chief worry is that Germany will plunder the whole of Norway and all endeavours to convince them otherwise are futile." — Exchange.

DYING, HE ASKED OF FIGHT

Somewhere on the Italian East African front, troops of the Sudan Defence Force are still talking with awe of the courage of a young R.A.F. man.

Aircraftman W. J. Davidson, although fatally injured, thought more of his pilot and the bombing raid on which they had been than of his own condition.

From their fort on the Sudanese frontier troops had watched R.A.F. aircraft bombing a nearby enemy fort. As the machines reassembled to leave, one aircraft suddenly left the formation and attempted a forced landing, only to crash a few hundred yards in front of the fort.

The enemy immediately opened fire with every available machine-gun on the aircraft petrol tank and it exploded.

What Sort of Show?

A major of the Sudan Defence Corps went at once to the spot, where he found Davidson, conscious although mortally injured.

The aircraftman's first thought was for his pilot and what had happened to him. Then he asked, "What sort of a show did we make of it?"

He added that he had jumped from the plane and as he hit the ground he followed down the slope as far as possible.

The pilot, Pilot Officer C. G. Bush, and Aircraftman W. J. Davidson were buried with full military honours on the following day.

HIT IN EYES BUT LANDED

An R.A.F. officer who brought his plane down safely though wounded in both eyes, is awarded the D.F.C.

He is Flying-Officer Gordon Neil Spencer Cleaver, Auxiliary Air Force. Last August he led his flight against planes bombing his base.

After destroying one plane he was severely wounded in both eyes, but refused to abandon his plane and landed safely.

Flight-Lieutenant Archibald Ashmore McKellar, of the Auxiliary Air Force, also gets the D.F.C. He led his flight against ninety Heinkels. At least four were destroyed. He bagged three.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Peter Malah Brothers, another D.F.C., led his flight against 100 enemy aircraft, but was himself attacked by several Messerschmidt 110s.

Turning to meet them, he stalled, but spun out of it, then shot down a Dornier.

Altogether he has destroyed seven enemy planes.

Acting Flight-Lieutenant Sidney Robert Gibbs (D.F.C.) was the hero of the long flight to Tromsø in bad conditions. He located eight Heinkel 115 flat planes. Three were destroyed and the remainder seriously damaged.

580244 Sergeant Ronald Fairfax Hamlyn, who gets the D.F.M., destroyed five enemy planes in one day.

BOMB DAMAGES UNITY MITFORD'S COTTAGE

When a German high explosive bomb dropped in a Midlands village during the night it considerably damaged the cottage of Miss Unity Mitford, "Hitler's girl friend," a church and a number of other houses.

Miss Mitford's cottage was empty, but the following day, accompanied by her mother and sister, she arrived to inspect the damage.

DISORDER IN DENMARK

Many Nazis have been taken into custody after a disturbance at Haderslev, in Denmark, yesterday, it was reported in Stockholm.

Danish Conservatives also held a meeting on Sunday at which 15,000 people were present.

The ex-Minister of Commerce, M. Moeller, in a speech at the meeting, declared: "We don't believe foreign methods suit us."

"We believe in popular government, in the right to think and speak freely and the right to promote what we consider right."

"We are irrevocably united in our desires as Danes and Scandinavians."

Different Tone

A different note was sounded by M. Stauning at a Labour meeting in Copenhagen on Sunday, when he declared Denmark at present was one of the most fortunate countries in the world, since she preferred submission to destruction.

He claimed Denmark had more ample food supplies than most countries.—Reuter.

TYPHOON HITS GUAM

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS IN HONG KONG ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING WORD FROM GUAM ISLAND BASE AS TO THE INTENSITY AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY A SEVERE TYPHOON WHICH WAS DUE TO PASS DIRECTLY OVER THE ISLAND DURING THE EARLY PART OF LAST NIGHT.

This will be the second severe typhoon to strike Guam and is greatly hampering the operation of the trans-Pacific schedule, with the "California Clipper" now delayed in Wake Island.

The recent typhoon in the Manila area has caused Pan American to be completely out of touch with one of their radio stations located on a remote island which was directly in the path of the typhoon.

The "California Clipper" which was scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday, December 12, cannot possibly arrive here before Friday, December 13, or even later, depending upon the course of the typhoon in the Guam area.

SPITFIRE FUND

Newfoundland's Spitfire Fund yesterday reached £15,000 with £5,000 acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft Production from the "Daily News" of Saint John's.—British Wireless.



EMPTY BOASTS

Nazi propagandists continue to make desperate efforts to convince their own people that all is well with the Air Battle of Britain. It is possible, indeed, to detect some slight retreat from the lyrical confidence of some weeks ago, when the Luftwaffe was being represented in the German Press as extending its sway over Britain day and night "like an avenging angel with fiery breath and flaming sword." Nevertheless, the Nazi radio is still claiming that it is the Germans who are dictating the course of the air war over Britain, and that they "can only shake their heads" over the British assertion that in our own island we have the mastery of the air. It may be conceded, certainly, that the Germans, being the attackers, dictate the time and place of the air battles in our skies, but since in daylight raids they are invariably routed in disorder and with disproportionately heavy losses, the element of "dictation" in the matter is neither here nor there.

It is merely a piece of verbal bluff to console and deceive the credulous German public, and perhaps to allay an incipient tendency to scepticism. A very different story, we may be sure, is being told in the inner councils of the German High Command, where Goering, who has been conducting the campaign in person, is confronted with the unhappy task of explaining away his failure.

On our side, even if we knew nothing else, it would be sufficient answer to the Nazi boasts that Hitler has not dared to renew the mass attacks which were to be the prelude to invasion. Actually we know that our Air Force is stronger, both relatively and absolutely, than at any time before or during the battles which began in May, and that it is steadily progressing towards an ultimate superiority in quantity commensurate with its already proven superiority in quality.

Apart from many other accretions to its strength, we have recently been able to welcome the formation of the Eagle Squadron of volunteers from the United States, the precursor of more to follow

THIS is what New York was talking about yesterday. And will be talking about to-day.

Times Square, New York, is where Broadway meets Forty Second Street. Americans call it the crossroads of the world.

From the three cornered island where the "New York Times" building stands you look up Broadway at the tens of thousands of winking signs and below them, the cauldron of yellow taxis, restless crowds, cops, news dealers, commissionaires and amusement barkers. The pavement around the "Times" building used to be reasonably clear but now it is blocked on one side by a crowd of perhaps 150 men. This is because the "Times" is posting up bulletins straight off the news tickers on boards in and above its windows. The "Times" has its famous electric sign on the building and all night letters spelling out late headlines run around like well drilled insects. But the sign cannot change fast enough now and so it is being supplemented by bulletins hastily written in capitals on strips of paper which are pasted on the boards as soon as they are ready.

When a new bulletin goes up [BRITISH BOMB TANKER AND SUPPLY SHIP OFF NORWAY—

LONDON HAS THIRD RAID [ALARM] the crowd on the pavement contracts as it presses forward to read then expands again as it falls back and breaks into groups to argue. People are constantly joining the crowd and others constantly leaving.

One thing one noticed to-day was that there are no women there. The men were of all kinds—prosperous and poor, Jews and Gentiles, hatted and hatless men with all manner of accents. You could push in and listen to the arguments. In one of the thickest knots a red haired and angry young man was telling an older man what he thought. The older man kept interrupting and contradicting. Neither of them had much accurate information but both were shouting furiously. In the next group a workman in overalls was explaining why France fell. ("Nobody in France knew what the hell it was all about").

A few minutes later an elderly bald-headed man said loudly, "We'll be in it, Bud. We'll be in soon enough." Nobody said anything to that.

The fringe of one group would drift to the next group as a fresh argument began. This was a

microcosm of America, briefly transfixed in "Times Square," New York, on an afternoon when, 3,000 miles away, the capital of civilization was being ravished by the bombs of an enemy as dark and evil as any that has ever stalked the earth. An hour earlier I had been at lunch with an American newspaper man of high reputation for carefulness and objectivity. "America at this moment," he had said, "is ninety per cent. confusion."

Here it was the dialectical, the groping of a group of Americans meeting together by chance in "Times Square." The American people are reading their newspapers and listening to their radios and the chaos of the news is reflecting itself in their minds. You can discover easily enough that most of the people you talk to have a deeply implanted faith in the British. By the British they mean not only the R.A.F. and the British Navy, but also every clerk and shopkeeper, every unsung householder in every suburb who now is pitting his nerves against the dark enemy.

They say over and over again "Hitler's up against something different now." But when the story of death and debris is cried from every headline and picture, when fires burn in London and Berlin boasts of weakened British

defences, then they frown and fret and ask questions neither you nor anyone else can answer.

America, at this moment, is listening feverishly. In news-reel theatres pictures of German planes are hissed and pictures of Americans' destroyers leaving Boston for Britain are applauded. A drunk in the Bronx who shouted "I hope Hitler wins" had to have police protection the other evening. The two most popular songs in the United States just now are "God Bless America" and "I Am An American," compositions of doubtful musical merit but of fiercely patriotic sentiment. The town of Port Washington on Long Island has ordered the American flag to be displayed in the streets every Saturday. The bill I got the other night in a Manhattan restaurant had a patriotic slogan stamped across it. Rifle booths at country fairs now have faces of Hitler or little tin Nazi parachutists to shoot at.

Conscription is in the air; couples are rushing off to get married. From all directions, from political platforms to pulpits the cry is "Rearm—get ready to defend America."

Defend America where—and when? The question leads back in a circle from to-day's headlines to next week's and next month's. The anxious man in the street throughout America knows now that everything—his own future and the future of the free world—depends on Britain. "Ninety per cent. confusion"—but there's the other ten per cent. which is out ahead of the American people and may be able to see further.

Information available at this moment and judgment of the situation as it comes from Washington can fairly be summed up in this way—harrowing as the stories from London have been nothing has happened yet that is either unexpected or decisive.

Invasion is not a certainty, not only because the Nazis may be unable to prepare the ground adequately in England, but also because the Nazis' own preparations must have been seriously disrupted by the R.A.F.

But so long as the technique of terror fails to bring the British people to the point where they would be willing to see the Government sue for peace, invasion remains possible.

There is nothing to show that the Nazi air force is capable of the tremendous task it would have to perform—the destruction of so many ports and landing fields and the dislocation of so highly organized a war effort—before the British people would be within measurable distance of such defeat.

If the Nazis should decide on invasion in a desperate effort to force a decision quickly the odds on their success would appear now to be against them.

What this boils down to is the general belief that, though immense destruction is to be expected, the Nazis are not going to be able to crack Britain. The expectation is that the war will go on through the winter to the spring.

By that time two important things may have happened. Germany can have begun to show the strain of ruling an ill-fed, unwilling continent and a too long inhibited nation, and America can have emerged from a stage of confusion into a stage of full realization that its best defence will be to throw its weight into the effort to end the Nazi threat for ever.

Setting Democracy In Order

The trouble with democracy at the present moment is (as we know too well) that it hasn't been working. It is economically out of order, it needs not only to be defended but corrected.

There is a certain relief for many Americans in turning from this stubborn problem that has so long defied solution to the more exhilarating issue of military armament. Not that we like war, or even the preparation for it. But the necessity being squarely laid upon us, the resultant activity has stimulus. We must see to it that it is not diverting. For we are still confronted by the grave issue of "idle money, idle men."

A recent speech of Wendell Willkie's has placed on a candlestick the illuminating comment on the United States by Winston Churchill which points in this direction. We are reminded that one of the strongest possible contributions to a cure of the international dilemma would be our own recovery. Arm we must. Our immediate obligations to neighbours must be fully met. But Americans cannot neglect the solid contribution to

as indicated by the announcement than one in seven in the Canadian Air Force is a citizen of the United States. We welcome this news alike for the fighting mettle of which its forerunners in the last war afforded so splendid a testimony, and as a visible token of the sympathy of our friends from across the ocean in our struggle to defend and preserve the ideals of civilisation and liberty common to us both.

world economy which lies in the solving of their own affairs. This is not identical, of course, with the speeding up of industry consequent upon the threat of war.

No nation can justify its position solely on the basis of foreign policy. Were we to try this, we would be veering in a totalitarian direction. Internal complications are famous for driving totalitarian States into heroics with

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respect to foreign Powers. The United States is a part of the family of nations (if it can be called that at this hour). Its every move bears a relation to the whole. But this does not deliver Americans from the obligation of success at home. It rather lays emphasis upon it.

The issue, of course, is more than a superficial one. There is a challenge here with respect to the very character of democracy itself. Spengler, in his "Decline of Western Civilisation," explicitly sets forth some of the outstanding doubts attaching themselves to the democratic order, with its maladies. These are worth considering as a spur to their solution. Spengler is a sceptic on the subject of democracy. It is worth while, frequently to listen to our intelligent opponents. Sometimes we are able to glean from them the very clue to victory.

"Through money," writes Spengler (with the directness of a dive-bomber), "democracy becomes its own destroyer." "Men are tired to disgust of money-economy," he goes on to say. "They hope for salvation from somewhere or other, for some real thing of honour and

chivalry, of inward nobility, of unselfishness and duty." He declares that there now sets in the final battle between "Democracy and Caesarism," between what he calls the leading forces of money-economics, and political or dictatorial power.

There is an almost beguiling quality in parts of these passages as we move through them, as in the case of some of the passages of Adolf Hitler. But they pass on to an amazing—and an identical—finale. "Of the true order of society as Spengler sees it, he writes: "Always it has sacrificed truth and justice to might and race."

Such words should dispose of confusion and the instincts of appeasement. As they are elucidated at the present hour by the logic of events, they bring our nation to its feet. Here is an order springing from a different, an opposite, an anti-Christian premise, which must not be permitted to take over the jurisdiction of the world.

This Spengler thinking, which merges into Nazi thinking, leads to its "Caesarism" to the exaltation of one man.

The reply of democracy is a great man too—but he is to be found in every man. It is the man of alertness, of intelligence and enterprise—we are not afraid of his "big business," subject to reasonable rules of industrial traffic. But it is the man who draws lines essentially within himself, who will advance industrially only so far as he can take others with him. It is the adventurer, not the gambler; the worker, not the labourer. In every capacity behind every function—the democratic citizen, acting with a kind of saving fervour in the interest of the whole. The practical, the technical solutions of our economic system, under these conditions, will be forthcoming. Democracy will hold its own. It will ultimately triumph.

NAZI U-BOAT BASES IN FRANCE ATTACKED

THE R.A.F. MADE a return visit to German U-boat bases at Brest and Lorient on Sunday night — attacked only 24 hours before — as well as to that of Bordeaux.

A great fire was started among buildings between two of the dock basins at Bordeaux; and at Brest the roof of one dockside building was seen to fall in, while other bombs struck around the port, military and naval barracks and dry docks.

"We clouted Dusseldorf good and hard," said one pilot of a British bomber which participated in another concentrated attack on Sunday night on the large industrial area of Dusseldorf.

The pilot said the raid began shortly after 6 p.m. in bright moonlight. Visibility was excellent, the Rhine bridges being clearly distinguished.

One pilot, bombing from a height of several thousand feet, actually was able to see flames streaming from windows of a factory in the area of the chief target, which was again blast furnaces of the steel works, manufacturing railway and shipping equipment and other war material.

Three large fires, and many small ones, followed the bursting of the first bombs.

Hundreds Of Incendiaries

The British aircraft then crowded in in quick succession, says the Air Ministry, dropping heavy bombs accurately on the steel works and pelting the entire area with hundreds of incendiaries.

Great banks of smoke obscured the scene for some of the late-comers but the pilots generally did not meet this trouble and as

they returned to base one after another reported great destruction and stated that from 30 to 40 miles away it was plain that many fires had taken a firm hold.—Reuter.

Supply Train Attacked

One aircraft ten minutes after bombing the steel works dived down upon a supply train near Geldern, south-west of Dusseldorf, and machine-gunned it from a height of 50 feet.

The raid on Bordeaux, chief port in the Bay Biscay, was carried out by a strong force of heavy bombers which flew right across the plains of western France.

As part of the much advertised "New phase of the war" the Germans are using Bordeaux as a submarine base from which to attack our merchant shipping in the Atlantic but the R.A.F. are tackling this as they did the phase of projected invasion.

The flight to Bordeaux is one with which British pilots are familiar. The great stores of oil which the Germans accumulated in Bordeaux have already been fired.

Find Dock

A heavy raid was made on a neighboring aerodrome from which some of Germany's largest bombers go out to attack the Atlantic trade route.

First of our bombers arrived over Bordeaux at about half past seven in the evening, states the Air Ministry news service, and it was more than two and a half hours before the last turned for home.

All pilots were extremely pleased with the weather and clear sky. (Many sought and found the No. 1 work dock where German submarines are moored along the dock wall.

Aircraft came over one by one in quick succession and made their attacks independently. Pilots' reports make a long and businesslike catalogue of fires and explosions.

Two points stand out—an explosion, because it lit the inside of aircraft flying well over 11,000 feet, and a fire because it could be seen burning very fiercely without smoke from near the mouth of the Gironde, some fifty miles away.

Lock Gates Hit

Pilots are certain that many heavy high explosive bombs fell very close to, if not on, submarines in dock and it is believed the lock gates were hit when a large number of bursts was followed by a "chattering explosion" at the entrance to the docks.

Other heavy bombs fell among warehouses, railway sidings and jetties with good effect, and the bombers had time and ammunition to spare for an attack on a nearby aero-engine construction works which was hit and set alight.

Bordeaux was found heavily defended by batteries of anti-aircraft guns mounted in ships and on land.—British Wireless.

FILM NOT EXPOSED

Appearing on behalf of her husband, a pilot employed by Eurasia Aviation Corporation, Mrs. Chan Wing-ka, of No. 10, York Road, was fined \$10 at Kowloon Court for possession of camera in a prohibited area—Waterloo Road.

The police said that the film in the camera had not been exposed.

RUMANIA DROPS BLOOD-HUNT

The Rumanian commission of enquiry into the "crimes committed against the Iron Guard" during the previous regime has been dissolved because "all instigators of these crimes are either dead or have fled the country," stated a Bucharest despatch to the official German news agency yesterday.

Last of the men against whom the commission had proceeded were massacred by Iron Guard extremists in Jiliva Prison a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

ALBERT ROAD FIRE ALARM

WITH BELLS CLANGING, ENGINES ROARING AND GEARS CLASHING, TWO FIRE ENGINES ROARED UP GARDEN AND UPPER ALBERT ROADS THIS MORNING TO PUT OUT A FIRE WHICH NEVER EVEN GOT AS FAR AS THE PUFF-OF-SMOKE STAGE.

It turned out to be that bugbear of the fireman's daily routine—the false alarm.

The "fire" actually started late last night, according to a coolie, who says that a European police sergeant on a motor cycle crashed into the alarm with his machine and — "bent it" considerably.

Around 10 o'clock this morning, apparently, some one decided to investigate the damage, touched the alarm and bells and things started ringing furiously in Central Fire Station, which promptly turned out two machines.

Still, it was a nice morning for a ride.

PROCURER FINED

Yip Lin-Kam, 50, widow, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with procuration of women.

It was alleged that accused was taking two young women, Leung Kwan and Pang Chan, to become inmates of a brothel in Kwong Chau Wan.

Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A., told the Court that the Police visited the s.s. Tai Po Shek yesterday. The two women admitted that they were going to Kwong Chau Wan with defendant to enter a brothel there.

Defendant was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour.

BURGLARY IN CAINE ROAD

Mr. Yip King-wah, of No. 11, Caine Road, has reported the theft of \$110 in money and jewellery, from his residence, between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. yesterday.

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HAXBY SKIPPER TELLS STORY OF RAIDER BROTHERS

Captain Cornelius Arundell, master of the 5,207-ton British cargo steamer Haxby, was a prisoner of the Nazis on the high seas for 134 days. He and his captured crew were within two days' steaming of the European coast—and internment—when the small British submarine Truant surfaced off Cape Finisterre and rescued them and some Norwegians from a neutral ship which had also fallen victim to the Germans. Here is Captain Arundell's story:—

They had killed sixteen of my crew, but I thought, as I swam towards the Nazi pirate ship—"Don't give up hope. All Germans can't be as bad as Hitler makes them out to be."

I was right about that. There was more than one on board the German ship who thought kindly of England and treated us well.

It was about 6.30 in the morning on April 24 when the German raider, flying Greek colours, suddenly opened fire on us with four 6in. guns.

We had no chance. The second salvo of shells killed our gunner and smashed the gun platform. They kept on firing after that for about half an hour—with not a shot in return.

My ship was shattered and on fire, and there were good men dead on the decks. We had to swim for it, and after a long time they picked us up from the planks and wooden barrels to which we were clinging.

They put us into canvas suits and gave us underwear and flannel shirts made out of wood pulp. They sent us to our prison quarters, three decks down.

They gave us a plate of black bread and sausage. The bread was as hard as nails and had half an inch of wet round the bottom.

When we went on deck for exercise for one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon we saw that we were in a fine ship, one of the Hamburg liners which before war was on the New York run.

No Milk, No Tea

Furnishings and fittings were de luxe except where alterations had been made to give the ship powerful armament.

Our diet did not improve. There was no milk, no sugar, no tea. They gave us imitation coffee made from burned corn and an imitation jam. Our staple diet was soup made from peas, beans or lentils.

We saw little of our captors. The captain, a grim-faced Prussian, never spoke until the day I left his ship to be transferred to the Tropic Sea, a Norwegian ship which they had captured.

He then asked me if I had been treated well. I said I had no complaints, and added: "But I shall never forget the murder of my sixteen men, with you firing at us while we were helpless."

He said: "Forget it, captain, there's a war on." I said "I shall never forget and never forgive it." He shrugged his shoulders.

It was true that we hadn't been badly treated. The officers and men with whom we had dealings were like strangely deluded children.

They believed that the war would be over in a matter of weeks, and they even had daily band practice on board so that the ship could be represented in "the victory march through Berlin" which they thought was soon to take place.

They believed that the British Navy had been swept from the seas, that South-East England was a desert of destruction, that the Port of London was shattered and useless, and that all England was starving, and continuing the fight in desperation.

One morning alarms sounded, and we were all locked in our quarters. There was a lot of scampering going on above our heads. Then the guns fired three times.

Refuelled At Sea

More than an hour later we saw through little portholes in the wall of our prison room that some seamen were being brought on board. They were from the captured Norwegian ship Tropic Sea.

Soon afterwards another ship came alongside. It was the Ger-

man oiler Winnetou which had come out to refuel us. At this time we were kept in close confinement. We were twelve days locked in our quarters without exercise, and almost choked by oil fumes.

Then we were transferred to the Tropic Sea under armed guard.

They kept on plugging at us with their propaganda. An officer had the special duty of converting us into good Nazis, and they seemed to think it was only a question of time before we saw the folly of our ways and realized that Hitler was a fine fellow and Churchill a low scoundrel.

This propaganda officer said that only 3,000 British soldiers had escaped from Dunkirk, that every British port was closed by mines, and that a woman had broadcast over the B.B.C. saying that England needed some one like Hitler.

I said: "You're a liar. You and your — Hitler make me sick."

He was angry. "You must not talk like that of our beloved Fuehrer," I told him: "If you talk such nonsense I'll fling you over the side into the sea."

Dawn Rescue

As we got nearer Europe we got a bit depressed. We thought there was no chance of rescue.

At 5.30 on the morning of September 3 the alarm sounded throughout the ship again. We were told to get on deck with our lifebelts.

All the German officers seemed in a daze. When they first sighted the submarine they were convinced that it was a German which had come to escort them into port. They hadn't bargained for it being British.

The Germans in my lifeboat refused to take us to the submarine, so I pushed the officer away from the tiller and told my men to row towards it for all they were worth. I knew that there were time bombs in the ship due to explode in a matter of minutes. We drew alongside the submarine and a young lieutenant pulled me aboard and said: "Welcome home."

He had one of those Navy voices. It sounded like music in my ears.

COLONY'S BILL OF HEALTH

During last week, 196 cases of tuberculosis with 146 deaths; 38 of dysentery with 20 deaths; 11 of chicken-pox with one death; nine of typhoid with three deaths; five of diphtheria with one death; five of measles; one of cholera with one death, one of puerperal fever with one death; and one of meningitis, were notified.

Yesterday there were 42 cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, four of chicken-pox, two of diphtheria and one imported case of smallpox.

HEROIN PIPES IN A SACK

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, on Tse Chong, 28, coal cooler, for possession of two heroin pipes.

Sergeant Mackenzie, who was on duty in Lockhart Road, saw defendant carrying a small sack. The pipes were found inside.

BROTHERS DIED HEROES

Two brothers . . . last war babies . . . born far away from the land they were one day to fight for . . . went to the same school in the homeland.

Joined the R.A.F. . . flew together . . . both shot down six Nazis and damaged others . . . both awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Now both are named — killed in action — in Air Ministry Casualty Communique No. 46. The brothers were Pilot-Officer C. A. Woods-Scaven and Flying-Officer P. P. Woods-Scaven whose father lives at South Farnborough.

Both were born at Karachi, India, and were educated at Salesian College, Farnborough. C. A. Woods-Scaven was born in 1918. His award was announced on September 3, when it was stated that in June last he was shot down twenty-five miles inside French territory, but got back to his squadron.

Up to then he had been shot down six times, and tribute was paid to his "unabated courage and enthusiasm" and his outstanding qualities as a resourceful and determined leader.

Against Big Odds

P. P. Woods-Scaven was born in 1916. When his D.F.C. was awarded in June it was stated that once, when heavily outnumbered, he attacked a large formation of Germans without hesitation and shot two down.

His plane was hit and he was slightly wounded, but baled out and rejoined his unit.

It was added that he had shown "great courage, endurance and leadership."

The communique, which contains the names of 319 officers and airmen, gives a total of forty-nine officers and airmen killed in action, and forty-eight wounded or injured. Those missing total eighty-eight.

The number killed on active service is forty-eight. Of ten previously reported missing three are now safe and seven are prisoners.

A sergeant of the Royal New Zealand Air Force is reported missing, and two pilot officers were killed on active service.

The names of nine D.F.C.s, one A.F.C. and one D.F.M. are included in the list.

KOWLOON TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Miss P. Scotcher, of No. 291, Prince Edward Road, was cautioned by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, for failing to screen the lights of her car properly whilst driving in Nathan Road during the last "Black-out."

Traffic Inspector A. R. Brittain said that Miss Scotcher only used one cover, instead of two.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mr. L. Soares, of Liberty Avenue, for speeding in the Nathan Road controlled-area, on November 15. Mr. Soares was alleged to have driven at 26 m.p.h.

For leaving his car unattended on the wrong side of Pakhol Street for over an hour, B. Octon, of the Royal Scots, was cautioned.

G. Lynn, a student of Diocesan Boys' School, was bound over for jumping on a moving bus in Prince Edward Road on November 14.

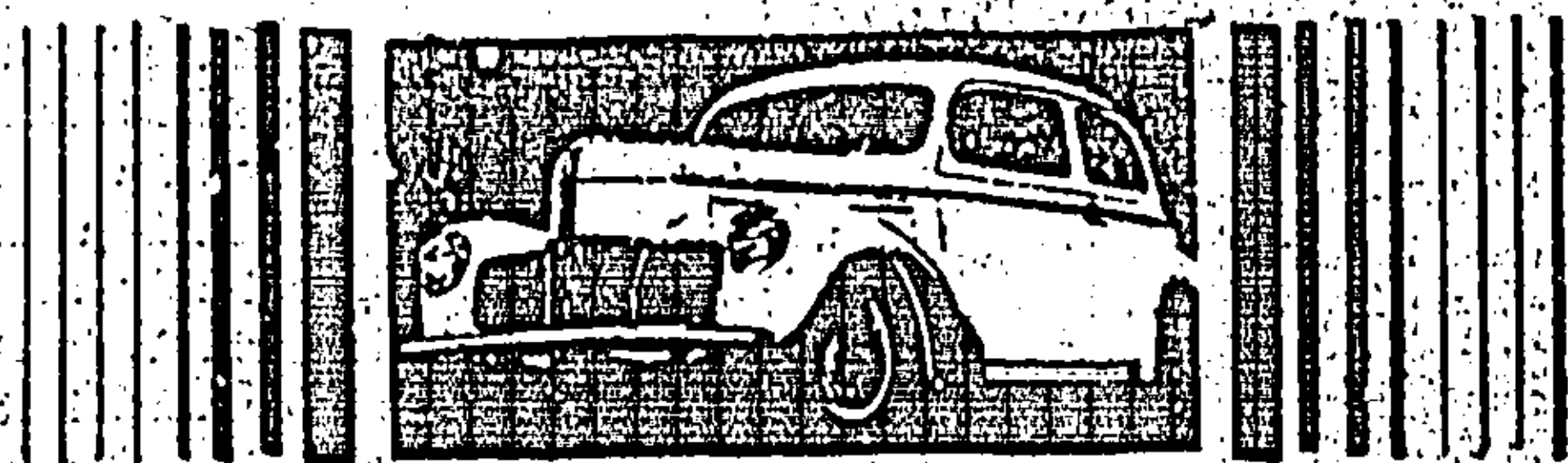
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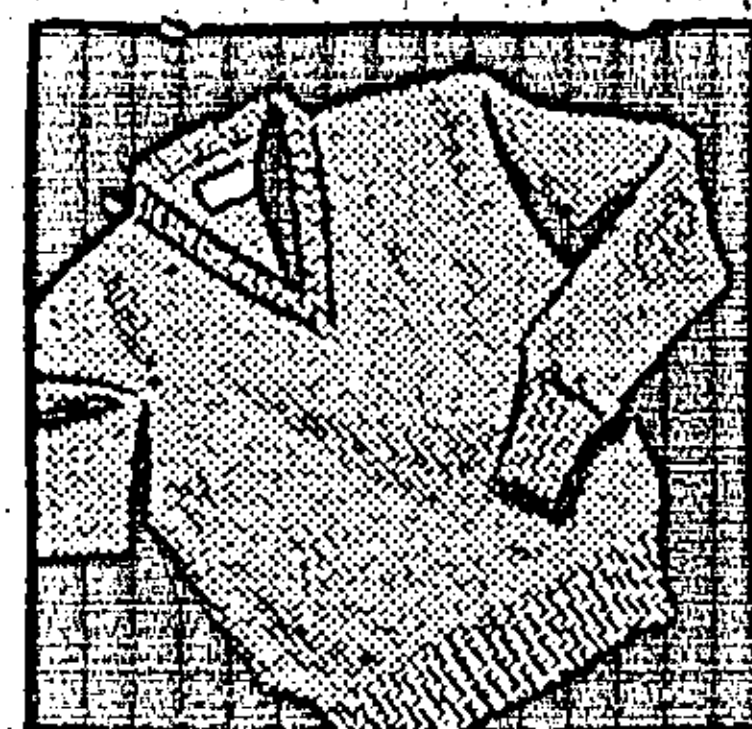
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Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

CRIME DOESN'T PAY: No. 21

To-day brings another problem for our detective corps; it's up to you to spot the crime and the criminal:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A Q
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ Q 8 5
♣ J 5 4 2

♠ 10 7 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ J 10 9 3
♣ A 10 8

North
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♠ K 9 8 3 2
♥ 6 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ K 9 7

♠ J 6
♥ A K J 7 3
♦ A K 4
♣ Q 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Jack of diamonds, South winning with the Ace. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, cashed the Queen and King of diamonds, then took the spade finesse. East won with the spade King and returned a spade to dummy's Ace.

In the play of the clubs, South lost three tricks, and the contract was therefore defeated.

Don't look for any help from us, if you're really sleuths—for you should be able to name the criminal and point out where he committed the crime. But if you find yourself stumped, read the next two paragraphs.

South was the criminal—and his crime was taking a finesse in spades. He should have realised that he'd lose three tricks in clubs if he tackled the clubs himself—but only two tricks if an opponent led the suit first. South could afford to lose a spade and two clubs, but not a spade and three clubs so should have planned the play on that basis.

Correct play is to draw trumps and strip out the diamonds (as actually done). Then South must cash the spade Ace and lead the spade Queen. Whichever opponent wins must either lead clubs or give South a ruff-and-a-sluff with any other lead.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ 4
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ Q 6 5 4
♣ Q 7 5 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
1NT	2♠	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. You dislike the contract, and you may even suspect that some other contract will be better—but your hand is far too weak for any action at all. Score 100% for pass; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 585

To-day you are Merwin D. Maler's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A Q 6 5 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 5
♣ J 6 3 2

The bidding:

Maler	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♥
3♠	4♥	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer

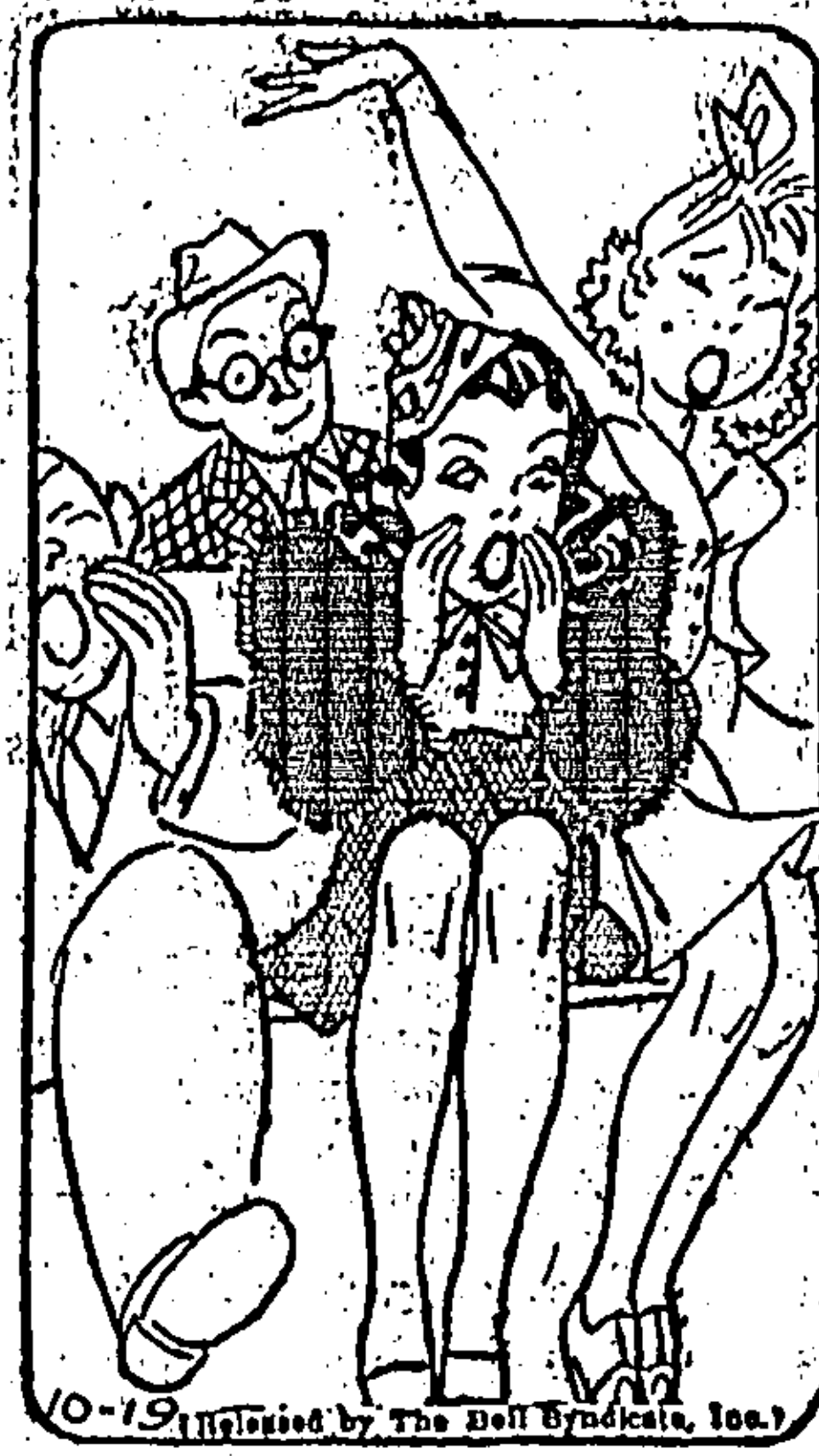
To-morrow.)

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THEY ADOPT DESTROYER

The little North Riding village of Castleton has adopted the former American destroyer of the Churchill Flotilla which has been named Castleton.

The women of Castleton, Yorks, propose that the women of Castleton, U.S.A., should help them in providing the crew of the Castleton with comforts.



The little guy in the back-row seat at a football game is thankful girls have taken a fancy to wearing calotte's this fall.

GUIDE STILL TO RAIDERS

Although they contain 1,600 tons of scrap iron that could be turned into guns, the two huge water towers of the Crystal Palace are still standing.

They survived the fire that destroyed the Palace in 1936.

Set 284ft. above ground level, they are the most prominent landmark in South London. In the last war they were such a valuable landmark to enemy airmen that, as a German commander mentions in his reminiscences, raiders were ordered not to bomb the Crystal Palace. It was too useful a signpost.

In June this year it was announced that a contract had been signed for the demolition of the towers.

Dangerous Task

Sir Henry Buckland, manager of the Crystal Palace, told reporter that work began in July.

"I am afraid, too, that there was a hold-up in the work for two weeks," he said. "The firm doing the work is very busy. Work is now going on with the south tower, but it is bound to be slow. You can't have very many men on the job as the work is dangerous."

Reminded that German raiders used the Crystal Palace as a signpost in the last war, and might be doing so now, Sir Henry agreed. He could not, however, see any chance of the work being speeded up now that air-raids on London were a daily affair.

MIDWIVES TO GET TIN HATS

Midwives and district nurses are to be issued with steel helmets and civilian duty respirators.

The number required may be as many as 20,000, and, by arrangement with the Ministry of Health, they will be provided free through local A.R.P. authorities.

So vital is the work which these unsung heroines perform in the face of danger that it has been decided to give them all possible protection as they cycle through country lanes or walk through city streets during air raid warnings.

Other Classes, Too

The same protection is also to be given to any doctor who applies to the local Medical War Committee.

Many doctors already have helmet and mask because they are attached to the A.R.P. services, and this scheme will not apply to them.

The Ministry is considering the issue of mask and helmet to two other classes—hospital staffs, including stretcher-bearers, whose needs have not yet been fully met, and relieving officers with the job of opening special relief centres.



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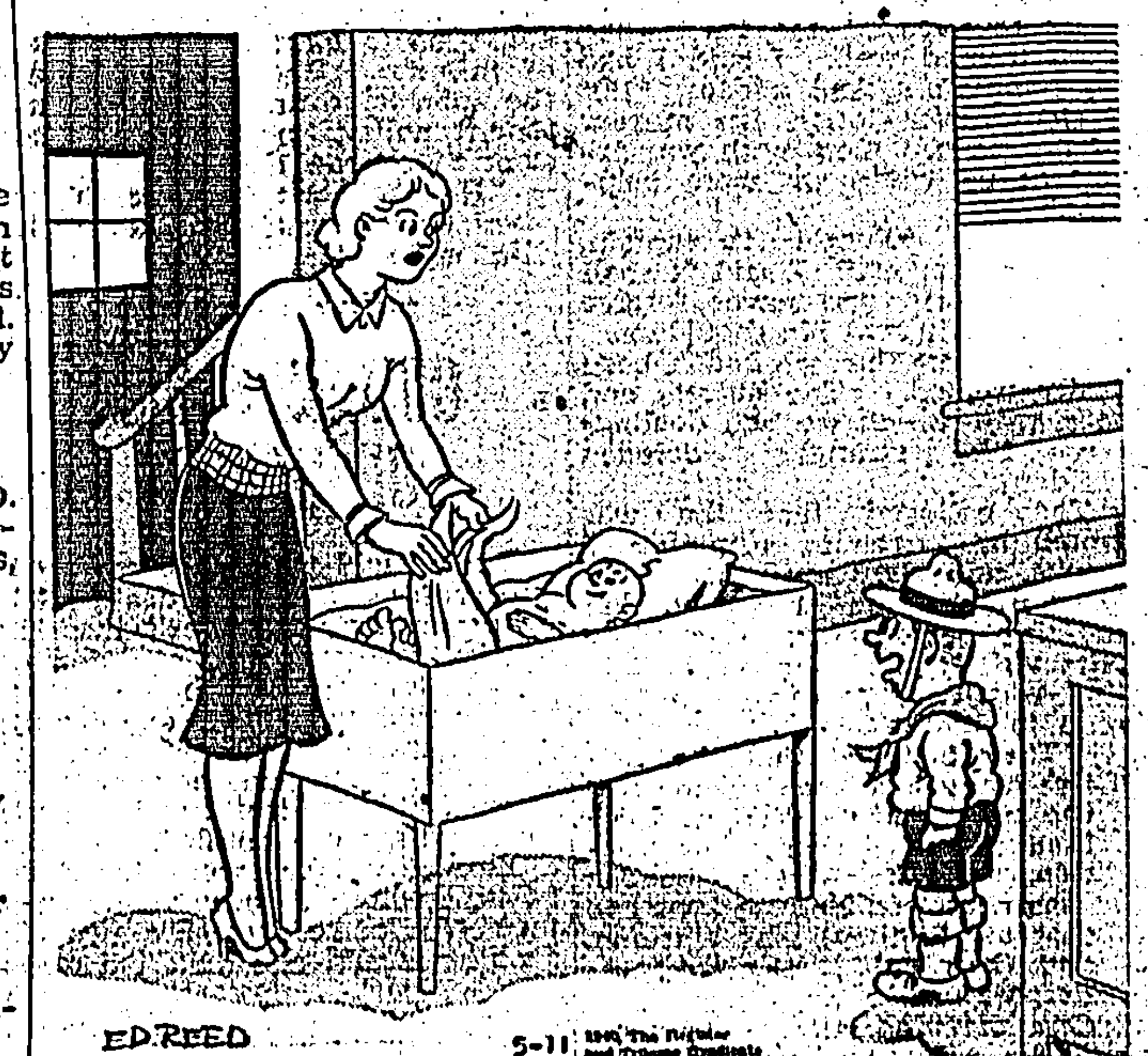
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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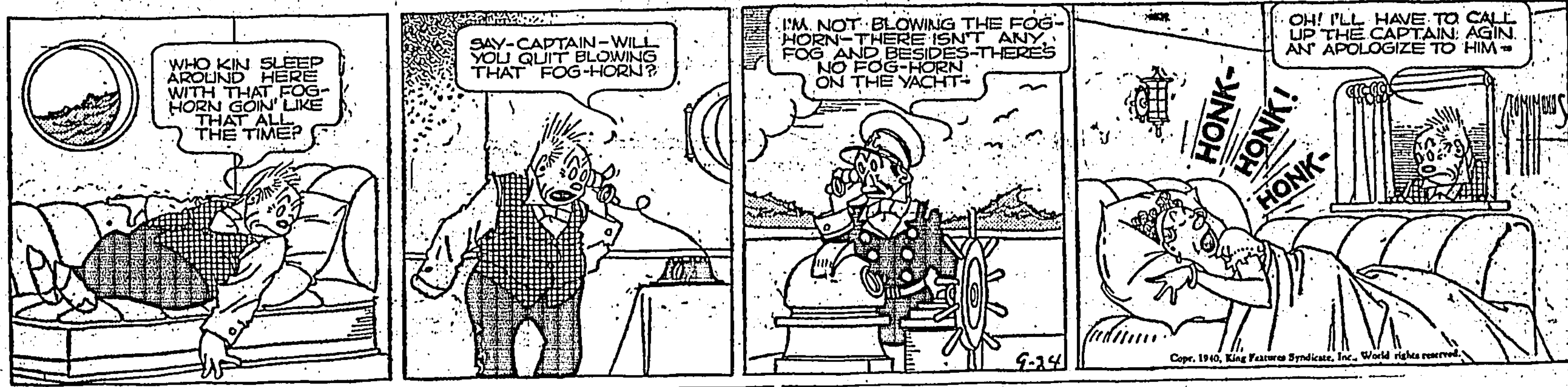
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Come Into The Pantry

EGGS, LEMON JUICE, a drop of Vinegar, and some Corn-Meal were very capable aids to your grandmother's beauty, and just as long as they exist there is no need to spend envious hours looking at expensive shop windows.

NAN GLOSTER

explains just how you can put these simple kitchen items to good use.

How often have you stared at the prices in the beauty shops and envied the women who can afford expensive "facials"? How lucky they are, you may have thought, to be able to use stock in skin rejuvenators, beauty creams, astringents without a palpitation on half-guineas or half-crowns. Like buying a pound of something at the grocers, you think.

You frown (bad habit). Money is distributed in such a topsyturvy way! By this time the mood is gloomy (also bad for beauty). You hop on a bus and fly back to your kitchen to prepare a meal! wash undies or clean the "bijou" flat.

Thinking of prices in the beauty shops you have no eyes for the world's oldest beauty preparations on your kitchen shelves. The beaten egg, lemon juice, fresh milk, olive oil, "porridge" meals—even plain bread—are almost as good for your complexion and (or) hair as potted and bottled mysteries.

Less than fifty years ago, when your grandmother was a girl, beauty recipes were verbal family secrets and nearly all ingredients were natural or food materials from the pantry. So let's raid the food pantry to beat the beauticians at their own expensive game.

For a start let's say your complexion is dull, it has lost the glow it had on your wedding day. Drabness and dullness are the most common skin symptoms among women who envy luxury treatments but do nothing to imitate them.

First skilled service is to go after that lazy epidermis. Don't let your complexion sit down on the job. It wants electrifying. On your kitchen shelf there is a bottle of Biblical olive oil. It was used by the Babylonians and Egyptians for skin balm thousands of years ago! Your bottle may be labelled "salad oil."

Emollients are the beginning of all beautifying—after cleansing. A thimbleful of oil and butter whisked together make a perfect cleaner and softener for any complexion. Drops of eau-de-Cologne add the sophisticated scent. Smooth a little over the face and wipe it off with cotton wool squeezed out of cold water. With the remainder massage face and throat.

For a medium type of complexion, probably the oldest facial tonic in history... perhaps earlier than olive oil... is the swabbing of a mixture of milk and buttermilk over the complexion. Apply it plentifully with a piece of cotton wool and let it dry slowly and stay dry for some minutes. Wash off with water diluted with lemon juice.

With milk or lemon as a basis grandma made many beauty unguents. Beaten egg yolk and dash of lemon gives you a face mask

to enrich, whiten, tone, and refine. Brush it on and then relax indulgently with a book and cigarette for about twenty minutes. White of egg whipped with milk and a few drops of witch hazel (or vinegar) makes a healing mask for a bad skin—grease, and open pores.

When applying a meal pack see that it has not too much "weight" and thickness in the mixture. Face masks must not be so heavy that they pull the flesh down-

Beauty's Budget

2 Eggs, Vinegar, Milk, Meal, Lemon, Oil.

Mix lemon with milk or eggs, drop by drop or it will congeal.

White of egg with a little olive oil is good treatment for wrinkles.

The empty "cup" of a squeezed lemon can be used as a cuticle and nail cleanser. Push the fingernails in the pulp and work it circularly.

Olive oil with fine sugar removes stains from the fingers.

Vinegar with a little warm water will cleanse the scalp between shampoos.

wards. After twenty minutes wash the mask off with cold water, and pat the skin with a lotion of cold water, lemon juice, and eau-de-cologne.

You'd Like Your Child To Be Musical?

Where is there a child who has not been sung to sleep in its cradle or in somebody's arms? All children are musical to begin with. They may lose it later on, but, unhappily, you can never tell beforehand whether that is going to happen.

Usually they are singing before they can talk. They may not sing in tune, but, while talking needs plenty of inducement, singing seems to be their natural desire.

Before they learn to talk they use only vowels and leave out the consonants, and vowels are all-

where they are, so that when one particular note is played or sung to him he can learn to pick it out for himself.

Later on a gramophone becomes very useful for teaching him all about music. In any case, a child who is being brought up musically should be allowed to hear plenty of good music.

When he goes to school and learns music with his other lessons he should be taught by someone who has as much bent for teaching children as for teaching music.

Music is sometimes hereditary, and you find whole families of good musicians. People imagine musicians' children are brought up in an atmosphere of continuous music and so have an unusual advantage. Actually, if their father is a conductor or an orchestral player they probably hear far less music than most other children. There may be very little music in a musician's house if he gets much outside. Children can go to concerts when they are quite small, for they still have natural appreciation of music that makes them respond to a lullaby as infants.

Children are perfectly capable of appreciating the real thing in music just as much as in anything else. Any child who is used to being treated like a normal human being will stare a trifle coldly at a grown-up who tries to talk baby-talk to him. And if children are accustomed to hearing good music they will be just as discriminating.

Since all children are musical to begin with, parents who bring them up musically are giving them something they enjoy. And a happy childhood means a great deal.

In any case, without becoming musicians, they may still have become people who gain much pleasure from music because they understand it enough to appreciate it.

By Mary Benedetta

most singing in themselves. Consonants are the first musical setback a child has.

A child should begin learning music at the earliest possible moment. By having notes and phrases sung to him he can soon learn to carry them in his head and produce them himself.

People seldom think of teaching a child to read music before he learns to read books. Yet reading music is very much easier—not, of course, reading a score, because that is one of the most difficult things in the world, but an ordinary line of music.

After all, there are 26 letters in the alphabet and they do not always mean the same thing. Musical notation is much more exact and uniform than is spelling or pronunciation.

Whatever instrument a would-be musician chooses to take up, he should have at least some sort of working knowledge of the piano. The time for a child to begin learning to play the piano is when he can stretch five notes (there is no need to wait for an octave).

Even before that he can be learning the different notes and

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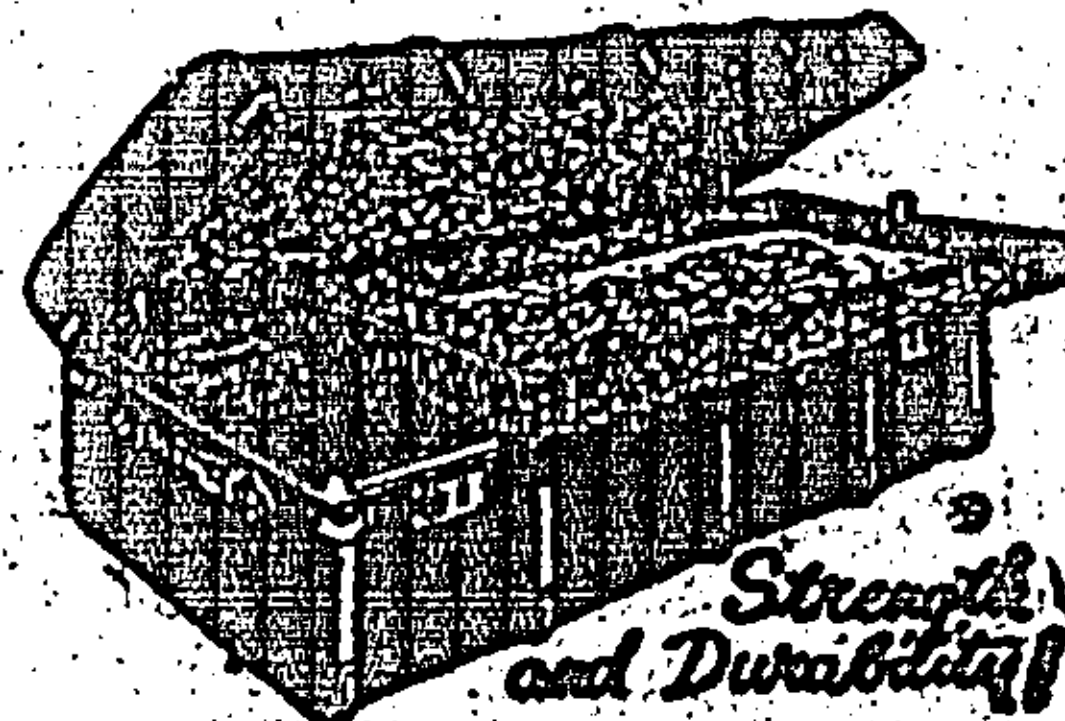
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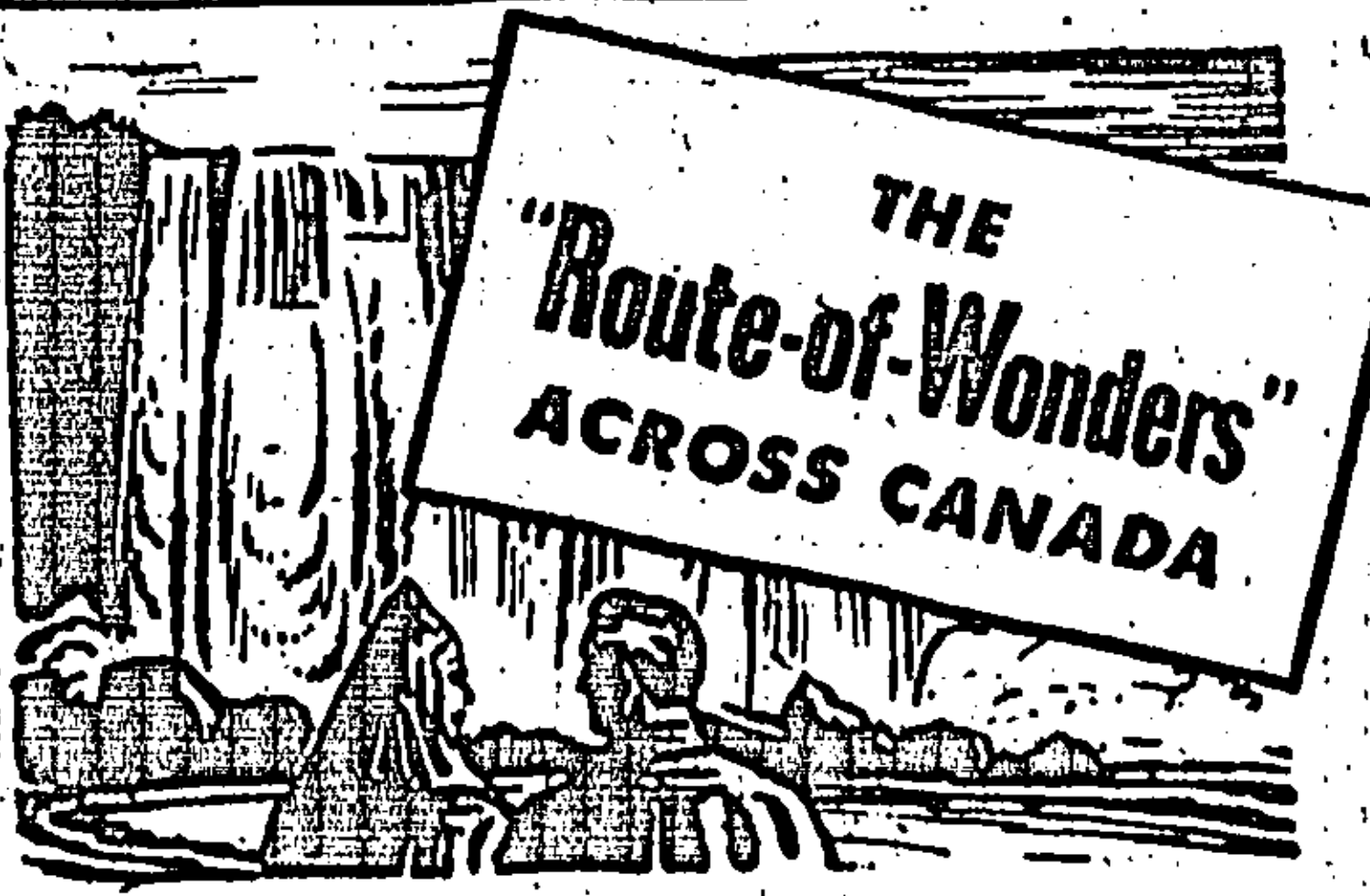
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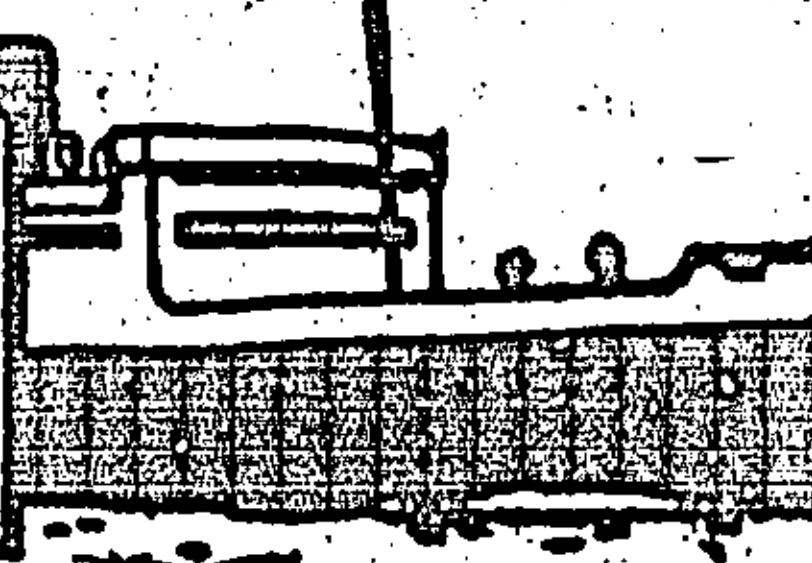
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1.30 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra.

6.32 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Variety.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Trio and Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Gay Decoliers' Comedy.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

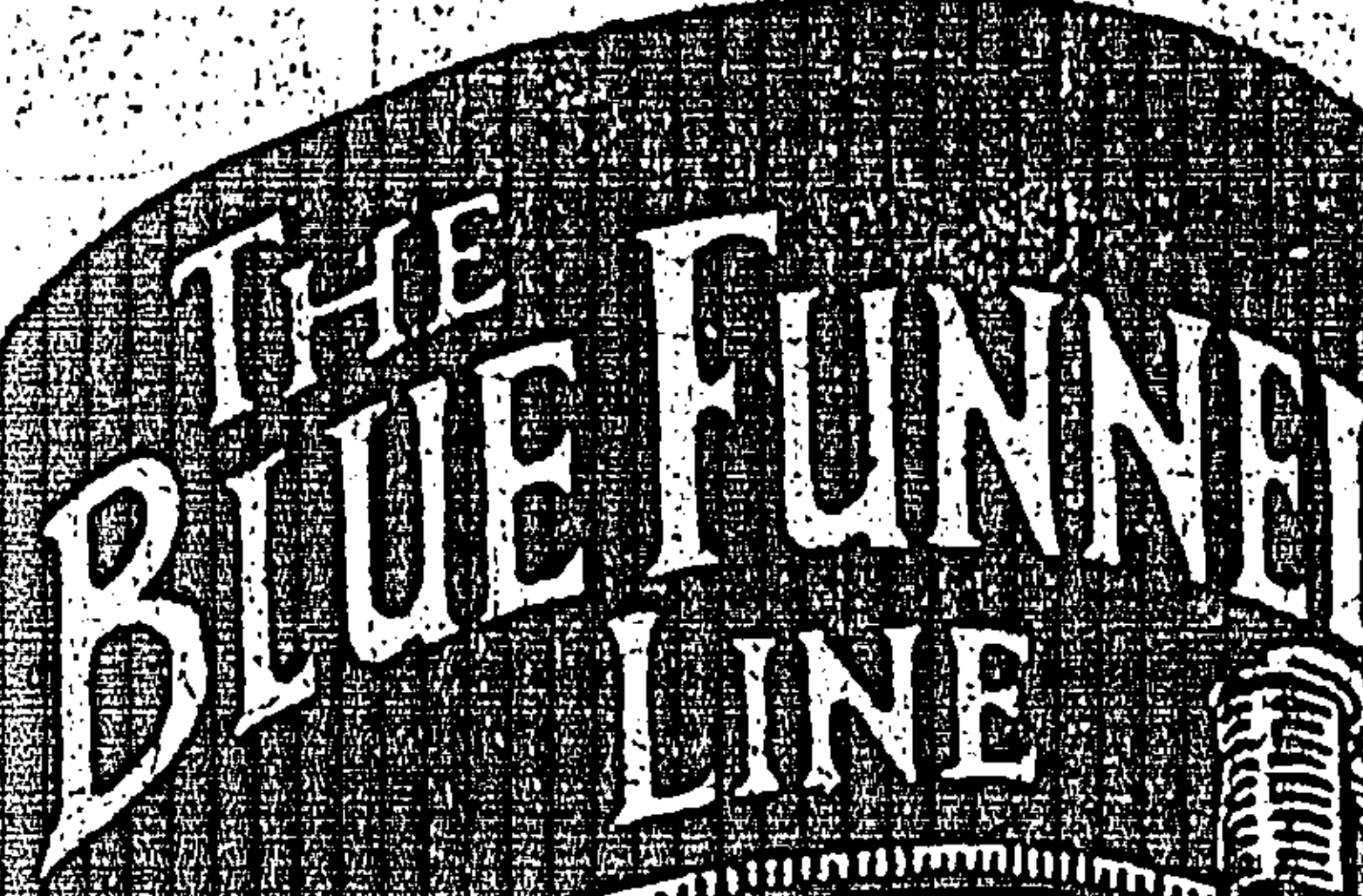
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A decision to purchase 100,000 bags of foreign rice before the end of this month to relieve the acute shortage in Shanghai was reached yesterday at joint meeting of officials of the International Settlement and French Concession, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, and representatives of rice dealers, according to a Shanghai message.

The decision was based on a plan advanced by Mr. Yu for the establishment of a granary in Shanghai to store 200,000 bags of rice for current consumption. The plan calls for gradual reduction in prices.

The price of first grade Saigon rice was fixed at \$87 per picul. On the same day last year, the authorities of the two foreign-administered areas in Shanghai fixed the price of first grade native rice at \$40 per picul. — Central News.

A course of lectures in First Aid to the Injured, in Chinese, will be given by Dr. Shi Man Wai at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road, commencing on Friday, at 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those wishing to join this class should forward their names immediately to the Secretary.

PALESTINE TO BAGHDAD BY TAXI

ANITA ENGLE, A lively, blackhaired Canadian girl has recently arrived in England after a hazardous journey which lasted two months. Her object? To be near her fiancé, who is in the Gunners.

She did not come from Canada. She was much nearer her destination—in Palestine, from which she could in normal times travel to London by air in three days.

She went to Palestine in February, in charge of 25 Czech, Austrian and German Jewish children.

All was quiet out there. "The Sea of Galilee," she said, "is the most peaceful spot I have ever seen." But she began to worry about her Gunner. And then she started her great trek.

Taxi To Baghdad

First, with six others, she took a taxi to Baghdad, and then to Basra.

"We were driven," she said, "by Mahomet, a magnificent Circassian who looked like a movie star. For hundreds of miles he drove, day and night, without rest."

"This wild drive took us through places that tourists would give a lot to see. But we were

in no mood for sightseeing just then."

Next step on the journey was two weeks' grilling in a ship on the Persian Gulf. "All the passengers except myself were on the way to America," said Miss Engle. "They couldn't understand why I wanted to go to England."

Then came a wait at Bombay for a British ship homeward bound from Australia with a cargo of food.

Christened Crossing Line

"Of the 1,500 people on board," said Miss Engle, "two hundred were civilian passengers. Three were young babies: they were christened as we crossed the Line. One elderly woman was going to England from Ceylon 'for her health,' she told me."

"Several elderly couples were going home because they could not bear to be out of the war."

"One mother, the wife of a Camel Corps officer from British Somaliland, had gone to Aden for the birth of her baby."

"There she had been bombed by the Italians when the child was only a few days old. But the baby had slept through it all."

"Man From Moonstone"

"They were amazingly cheerful, although from the Cape the boats were swung out and we wore our life-jackets all the time."

Among the naval ratings who travelled in that boat was a bit of a hero. He was "the Man from the Moonstone."

The trawler Moonstone, it will be remembered, attacked and captured a big Italian submarine in the Gulf of Aden last June.

The Man from the Moonstone, whose name was "Slinger" Wood, brought home an Italian diving suit for himself and silk underwear for his wife.

"A fine type of British sailor," said Miss Engle, "tall, tow-haired, blue-eyed and weather-beaten."

All on board that liner pictured an England shattered by bombs, starved by blockade. Most of them were desperately anxious about the possible fate of families and friends.

"We Were Wrong"

"We saw how wrong we were even before we reached port," Miss Engle said.

"A convoy of ships were steaming unmolested into harbour. And since landing we have seen a country that is far from being bombed to bits."

"Food? It seems to me that food in this country is better than before. Maybe it's because of the allotments that the vegetables are so good and so plentiful."

COMMUNITY SLEEP FOR MOTHERS

When the big night raids started, mothers found they were so busy looking after the children that they could not snatch any sleep in the shelters.

After the "All-clear" they managed to get in three or four hours rest; but toddlers, who sleep through the raids still "wake with the lark," disturbing their parents.

Now mothers in the London area have got together and have solved the difficult problem of catching up on lost sleep.

They take turns to look after each other's children. This enables each mother to sleep during the afternoon on alternate days, knowing that her children are safe should the sirens sound.

Whole streets are carrying out this "community nursemaid" idea.

TWO YEAR PLAN IN KWANGTUNG

With a view to attaining self-sufficiency, the Kwangtung authorities have introduced a two-year plan for the increase of food production. — Central News.

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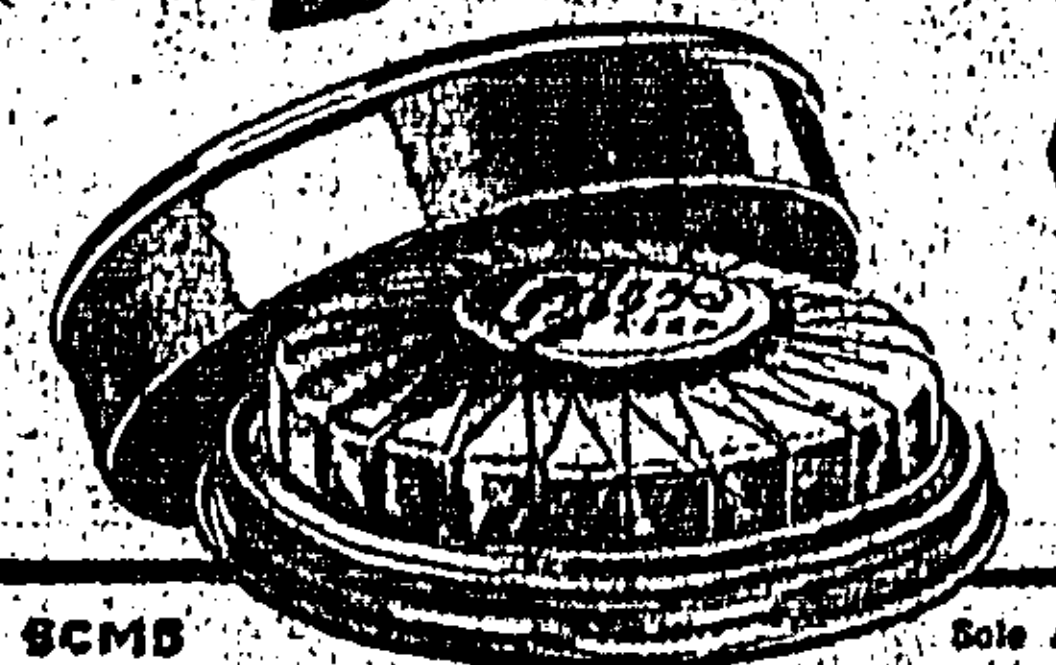
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DEFENCE PLAY

ON HOW TO PLAY SOCCER

By "Referee"

THE defence in first class football teams in Great Britain has a tremendous responsibility on account of the acute competition among League teams. At the end of the season it is not unusual for a team to find itself only separated in the League Table by goal average to escape relegation to a lower Division.

In modern football the defence has two main functions—to defend and to attack. Some think the latter the best defence but it depends entirely upon the movements in the game, the speed of the opponent's forwards, and the ability of the backs to recover lost ground during a break-away in time to defend their goal.

The defence, if well-managed, can always attack by accurate long kicking to anticipating forwards waiting to receive the ball. Generally, however, the defence plays to defend and, at times, grimly for the full ninety minutes. Intelligent defensive work is a matter of absolute harmony between backs and half-backs, who cover each other when positioning in the face of a dangerous raid. This is not so much habit of play, but keen judgment in anticipating the angle or line in which the ball is likely to be passed.

Half-back play consists mainly in keeping the forwards well fed with goalward passes, and to help at back when hard pressed. The centre-half is the key position in the defence, and is mainly responsible also in opening up the game for the wing forwards. His position in modern football is becoming increasingly hard; the amount of work he has to get through during a normal League game is enormous. He heads the ball more times than any other three men in the team, and heading is one of the supreme qualifications in a centre-half-back. A centre-half should be tall, six feet or more, and weight not less than twelve stone.

The successful team is one generally possessing an outstanding centre-half-back. With the wing halves, he controls the spine of the team. His failure overworks the backs, harassing their position and giving an opening to a raiding offensive exploited by fast opposing forwards. Even the wing halves cannot completely cover his breakdown. To do so means leaving the outside forwards unmasked with disastrous results.

Halves Must Be Versatile

According to the fluctuations of the game the half-backs help either the forwards or the backs. A half-back has to be the most versatile player in the team. He opens up the game in attack, and by long, low passes gives his forwards the chance of moving towards the opposing goal.

One also finds him on his own team's goal-line repelling a stout attack. In successful defensive work his decision and well-judged movements bring renewed confidence to the whole team.

At dribbling and shooting the successful half-back should be an expert, and be of good physique. He should be able to execute a long place kick to relieve the back. He must possess tireless energy upon him rests the great-

est strain of the game. He has always to be in the right place in the nick of time, and able at a glance to size-up the whole field. An adept at anticipation, the half-back, more than any of his fellow players, has to judge the intention of opponents.

Successful half-backs, hard-pressed when defending their goal, never unsight the goalkeeper. This is essential to intelligent half-back play, and brings confidence to backs and goalkeeper. The "open" defence is often far safer than "crowding" the goal and unsighting the goalkeeper who, with his hands as well as his feet, might very well be relied upon to clear his goal under most normal circumstances. Fluky goals are scored from "crowding" and scrammages in the goal mouth.

The last line of the defence are the backs. Their business is to defend. Rarely do they find a chance of attacking except in a well-placed free kick in the opponent's half. Successful backs have two minds—with a single thought—stopping the forwards at all costs. They are the destructors of movements planned and being tried by opposing forwards. Their big job is keeping the invader away from the goal when he has beaten the half-back. Through hard tackling, and hard, well-placed kicking, he relieves the pressure and gives his forwards the chance of making ground in the opponent's half.

A successful back must be able to kick hard and accurately from any angle, and possess rare judgment in revolleying the ball when it is diving down through the air. The well-placed kick, at the right length and height, often leads up to an attack resulting in a goal. It must not be thought that a back, because he is not in the picture every minute of the game, has merely to defend by punting the ball back up the field. His faultless work and defensive judgment often save his side from a bad collapse.

Under pressure from fast-moving forwards, it is a fascinating sight watching backs who are artists at the game. They cover each other's movements, and at the same time keep an eye on the goalie. . . . In emergency there is not one goalkeeper, but three! Successful defensive play by the backs is a matter of long and arduous practice, and the experience is gained only through many a heartbreaking game, and not a few mistakes which may have cost goals or even a couple of points.

The Ideal Goalkeeper

Finally, a first-class goalkeeper, apart from his abilities as a footballer, must have the gift of supreme self-control. His job bars excitement, neither must he lose his head under the hottest attack from the opposing forwards. He is confident, calm and self-possessed on all occasions. He must have super-eyesight, and never for a

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the week-end soccer programme—

Saturday	
FIRST DIVISION	
Middlesex v Kwong Wah (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)	
Kowloon v Navy (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)	
Club v South China (Club, 4.00 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
South China v Service Corps (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)	
Kowloon v Engineers (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)	
Club v R. Scots (Club, 2.30 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
Air Force v 35th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)	
Signals v 7th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)	
12th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)	
International v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	
20th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Military, 2.30 p.m.)	
Engineers v Service Corps (Military, 4.00 p.m.)	

Sunday	
FIRST DIVISION	
Eastern v Police (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)	
Sing Tao v St. Joseph's (Club, 4.00 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
R. Navy v Kwong Wah (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)	
Sing Tao v 30th R.A. (Club, 2.30 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
A.S.A. v 24th R.A. (Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)	

FOOTBALL MATCH POSTPONED

The Third Division football game between Royal Air Force and 35th Royal Artillery which should be played on Saturday at Chatham Road has been postponed owing to military duties of the former team.

moment neglect it. His gathering of the ball, his place-kicking, his agile movements in defending suggest the master goalie-between the posts. When the ball comes as far down the field as the goalie, his is the last chance of stopping it from entering the goal! A goalkeeper's confident play finds an instant successful reflection in the work of the team.

The gifted defence is one player with six minds, and six minds in one player! It is the football fortress. Halves, backs, and goalkeeper acting as a machine, swift in that they will have some goals scored against them, they will make certain also that they do their work sufficiently well to give their own forwards the chance to score two to every one of their opponents.

The best defence gets scored against it sometimes—it also assures when initiating brilliant scoring openings, that the forwards have a sporting chance of making matters level.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

LAST week-end, two more games were played in the Garrison Billiards League between C. M. Police and Ordnance Corps, Signals, and 5th A.A.

Billiards

The first game resulted in a win for the Police who scored 807 points against Ordnance who registered 687 points.

ORDNANCE	
L/C Thompson 150	Pte. Pophlow 93
L/C Willis 150	S/Cdr. Gardner 130
L/C Martin 57	L/C Paul 150
Capt. Hyde 150	Sgt. Hewlison 87
Sgt. Whittton 150	L/C Saunders 80
L/C Tegarty 150	Cpl. Ewens 120
Total 807	Total 687

The second game between Signals and 5th A.A. resulted in a win for Signals, who scored 826, and A.A.s, 609.

SIGNALS	
Sgt. Pearson 133	Bdr. Kennedy 150
Sgt. Braekenbury 150	Gnr. McManus 124
L/C Pitcher 150	Sgt. Levis 130
(31)	
L/C Murphy 83	Gnr. Milne 150
Sig. Lilley 150	Q.M.S. 126
(20)	
Sig. Morgan 150	B.S.M. Humphreys 126
Total 826	Total 609

* Breaks over twenty and over.

LAST Sunday Royal Air Force defeated Combined Military Hospital by one goal to nil in the Departmental Hockey League. This game was the final match and makes the Airmen winners of the Hockey Shield, which will be presented to them next Sunday after a match which is being arranged between Air Force and a representative team from the Small Units.

Hockey

At Sookunpoo on Saturday Ordnance Corps drew with Pay Corps, Ordnance scoring 153 for 7 declared, Emberson scoring 39 runs in which he hit seven fours, and Barnes made 31 runs in which he made four fours. Standing was their best bowler with 3 wickets for 25 runs.

Pay Corps replied with 123 for 7 wickets, Sgt. Murray making 78 runs out of the 123, and Lockhurst was the Pay Corps' best bowler taking 5 wickets for 32 runs.

On Sunday Pay Corps defeated 12th Hvy. Regt. by eight wickets, Stenor and Murray made a big stand. They realised 85 runs between them in which Stenor made 53 runs, not out, hitting seven fours, and Murray 42, not out, hit six fours in his innings, besides doing well with his bowling by taking 5 wickets for 33 runs. The total score for Pay Corps was 115 for two wickets declared.

The Gunners scored 114 runs all out, with Denton making 27 runs, and Downes 19.

Next Sunday Headquarters cricket eleven will play Medicals at Sookunpoo, game starting at 2 p.m., and the following have been asked to play:

Brigadier T. McLeod, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Capt. A. W. F. Peal, S.Q.M.S. Taylor, Sgt. Chalcraft, Sgt. Hemming, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Smart, Cpl. Ingelby, L/C Stenor and L/C Murphy.

Reserves—Sgt. Murray, Gnr. Reid, Gnr. Baldwin and Pte. Holden.

FOR the first time at Caroline Hill on Saturday the Royal Scots first eleven lost to South China by 3 goals to nil.

The Engineers are still winning in the Second Division their latest victims being the Navy, whom they beat by eight clear goals on Sunday at Causeway Bay.

Service Corps are only one point behind them and a close finish is visualised especially since they have a good goal scoring record of 65 goals.

Engineers are the only remaining team in League this season not to have been beaten.

On Thursday "D" Company of Royal Scots will play 24th Bty. R.A. at Sookunpoo in the Semi-Final of the Small Units football competition. Last week H.Q. Company of Middlesex beat H.Q. Company of Royal Scots by two goals to nil.

The Final will be played at Sookunpoo on Wednesday, December 18, at 4 p.m.

Major-General A. E. Grasett, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has kindly consented to present the Cups and Medals at the conclusion of the game to the winners and runners up.

ARMY easily accounted for Portugal in the Quadrangular Rugby tournament on Saturday when they won by 19 points to 3. This gives the Army a good chance of still being able to win the League, now being on level terms with Navy, each having won one game and drawn one.

In preparation for the forthcoming "Sunday Herald" International Charity Series, Portugal are arranging a series of practices during the next fortnight.

The following have been asked to attend these practices:

U. B. Souza, R. Marques, D. Demmes, C. Romed'os, A. V. Gosano, A. J. Pereira, G. Fernandes, R. Maxwell, C. Camoes, R. Rocha, C. Santos, J. T. Alves, G. Gosano, and D. Gosano.

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BROTHER PUT FIGHTING BLOOD IN ZIVIC'S VEINS

A Real Champion Following A Slow Start

MOST FIGHT FOLLOWERS were astounded recently when Ferdinand Zivic, a despised short-ender, had Henry Armstrong flat on the floor at the end of 15 rounds in lifting the world welterweight championship at Madison Square Garden the other night, writes a correspondent from New York.

They remembered too many of the Pittsburgh lad's early reverses as a professional. Practically everybody beat Ferdinand, who took the name Fritz when he joined the Henry Armstrong money ranks.

But the youngest and last of the Five Fighting Zivics got going in 1937, when he knocked out Johnny Jadick and repulsed Bobby Pacho, Chuck Woods and another one or two.

And then, as his brother Jack, a fine lightweight in his day, remarked at the time, Fritz had fighting blood put in his veins.

Fritz nearly died of pneumonia. It was Jack's blood in a transfusion that turned the tide.

Doctors said Fritz would never fight again, but he was back in the thick of things on Christmas night of that year, when he dropped a decision to Tommy Bland in Pittsburgh.

Beat Angott, Meets Armstrong

An attack of pneumonia seemed to improve Tony Galento, and had the same effect on Fritz Zivic.

He started rolling in 1938, and has been hitting it up in high ever since. His only serious setback since his sick spell was a knock-out at the fists of Milt Aron in Chicago, but he had Aron in the slag four times before he was clipped.

Yet Fritz Zivic was doing one-night stands around the country until he qualified for the Armstrong match by beating Sammy Angott, the N. B. A. lightweight leader, in a non-title affair.

In seven years of boxing, Fritz has learned to do it all well. He can place his head against that of a rival and whale away until the cows come home, and he can box like blazes at long range. He has a fine left jab and a hook as well as the right hand uppercut to the body and chin which upset Armstrong. He takes a good belt and is totally unafraid.

Battered Armstrong May Hang Up Gloves

Zivic was then matched to meet Al Davis of Brownsville in a 15-round non-title battle at the Garden, November 15, and was signed to give Armstrong another chance, January.

Those close to Armstrong doubt that he will be ready to return to the wars in mid-January, however, and question whether he will ever fight again.

Zivic opened all the old cuts and some new ones. Armstrong has plenty of money, and may no longer have the urge when his wounds heal.

Armstrong's slashing style made nearly all of his many fights hard ones.

Those who saw the rough and cruel party at the Garden the other night would not give the Armstrong who has been so badly battered much of a chance against Zivic in a return bout.

For the Fritz Zivic, who so suddenly arrived after a slow start, is far from being a cheese champion.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is Sunday's Tournament Hockey programme:

At 10.30 A.M.	5th A.A. "B"
N. Other	University
Police "A"	Nomads
Recreo	
At 1 p.m.	Gunboats
Punjab	Signals
Destroyer	Kudla
Police "B"	5th A.A. "A"
2nd M.T.B.	

STUBBS SHIELD

Following are the results of the First Round of the Stubbs Shield Competition of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

H.K. and Shanghai Bank beat C.S.O. at 19th.

R.A.O.C. beat Headquarters, China Command at 19th.

Education Dept. beat Army Dental Corps 4 and 3.

5th A.A. Regt. beat A.P.C. at 19th.

Dairy Farm beat H.K.V.D.C. 1 up.

J. D. Hutchinson & Co. beat Leigh and Orange 2 and 1.

Byes: Gilman & Co., H.K.S.R.A., 12th Heavy Regt. R.A., Air Raid Wardens, Port Office Dept., Butterfield and Swire, Dodwells, Govt. Medical Dept.

YESTERDAY'S YACHTING

The women's sweepstake race over 7.8 miles, held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted:

Redshank	4.29.49	Miss P. T. Pritchard	1
True Blue	4.30.24	Mrs. H. Crawhall Wilson	2
Gull	4.31.26	Miss B. M. Richards	3
Guri	4.34.42	Mrs. S. Christenson	4
Artemis	4.34.59	Miss N. Potter	5
Typrone Chai	4.39.03	Mrs. W. Whittaker	6

CONN NOT LIKELY TO MEET FARR

I take with the proverbial grain of salt reports that Tommy Farr can have a match with Joe Conn providing he will go to America, writes Norman Hurst.

I do not doubt for a moment that the big, young Welshman could be matched with Arturo Godoy, the Chilean, but I doubt even Mike Jacobs' ability to get Conn in the ring with Farr.

Against Farr, Conn, conceding two stone, would have everything to lose and nothing to gain, for Conn won his way to within hail of a match with Joe Louis, while Farr lost five matches over the other side.

Thus Conn's manager would put up the fight manager's age-old smoke-screen of "let Farr go and lick one of the others before he meets Conn."

On the record book Conn is shown as a consistent winner, while Farr is a constant loser so far as America is concerned.

Permit Question

Then there is the question of obtaining the "exit permit," the permission necessary to leave this country, which must be obtained for any male between the age of 16 and 60.

Mike Jacobs is said to have mentioned that the British Red Cross would benefit as the result of Tommy Farr travelling to America and fighting there, but "Uncle Mike" does not say whether the entire proceeds of this show are to be turned over to the British Red Cross or just a percentage of the receipts.

It must be chalked up to the credit of Farr that he says: "All he wants is his expenses out of the deal."

C.S.C.G. CRICKET TEAMS

On Saturday, the first and second teams of Civil Service Cricket Club will be engaged in friendly cricket matches. The first XI will be playing the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground at 2 p.m., and the second XI will also be meeting the I.R.C. at the same time but on the home ground.

Following are their teams:

1st XI: J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. J. Hollidge, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. L. Smith, N. Whitley.

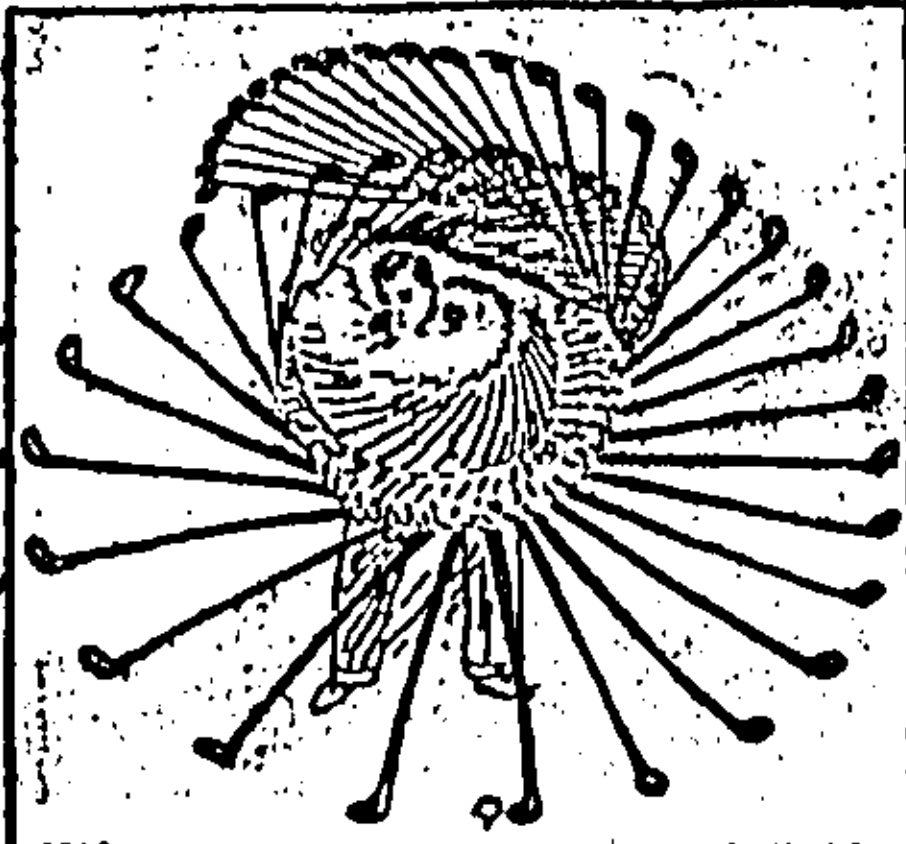
2nd XI: H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, W. H. Colledge, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, A. Watson, A. M. J. Wright.

THE CAPTAIN'S CUP

The following qualified in the December round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's Captain's Cup during the week-end:

Old Course: K. S. Robertson, 79-8-73 (23 entries).
New Course: H. A. Mills 88-20-40 (five entries).

GRAPHIC GOLF



WHISTLE WHILE YOU SWING TO PROMOTE SMOOTH STROKES.
MUSCLES MUST BE LOOSE FOR SUCCESS.

SMOOTHING OUT THE STROKE

By BEST BALL

Whistling while one works at his golf stroke serves a two barrel purpose. In addition to keeping the player in good humour, under sometimes trying conditions, it aids a relaxed stroke. It is not recommended for use in actual play for one's opponent may take exception to the tune, particularly so if he has just blown a two or three foot putt. However it is useful on the practice tee.

Strive to maintain a rather low and even pitch all through the stroke. At first it won't be easy, it is quite likely to cease just a bit before

LADIES' GOLF RESULTS

The Medal Pool of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held over the New Course, Fanning, from November 23 to December 3 was won by Mrs. A. D. Humphreys 101-33=68.

Runner up Mrs. H. C. Margrett 98-25=71.

There were 21 entries, the fees for which are being donated to the Mobile Canteen Fund.

Entries for the Ross Cup have been extended until December 31.

A special Train will run from Kowloon at 9.42 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, for members of the A.N.S. and V.A.D. taking part in the Tombstone Competition.

The Draw for partners will take place about 10.30 a.m. in the Ladies' Clubhouse.

Handicaps will be given for the day.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. followed by the Presentation of the Prize.

the impact stage when the player is making his greatest swinging effort. It is here that tension creeps in and ties up the muscles. The whistle ceases abruptly. To keep up the tune the muscles must be loose. Practice will effect a cure and the reward will be smoother stroke free from halts and jerks.
Next Article: Traps Can be Of Aid.

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EVERY BOY AND GIRL VISITOR WILL RECEIVE FROM THIS KIND OLD MAN A GIFT OF "PINOCCHIO" OR GIRL MARIONETTE.

COME ONE COME ALL!

GENERAL WAVELL STRIKES AT GRAZIANI

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN AFRICA

R.A.F. BOMBERS ATTACKED BENINA AERODROME, IN THE WESTERN DESERT, ON THE NIGHT OF SUNDAY, AND ONE HANGAR WAS COMPLETELY BURNED OUT AND THREE OTHER FIRES STARTED. ANNOUNCED THE R.A.F.'S EGYPTIAN HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Incendiary and high explosive bombs also fell among aircraft while one was set on fire.

A Rhodesian squadron bombed Adardeb, in Italian East Africa, achieving a direct hit on a machine-gun post. Several fires were started, bombs fell among stores and dumps and a second machine-gun post was silenced by machine-gun fire from R.A.F. aircraft.

Aemara was attacked on Saturday, causing a fire in hangars while a large petrol fire was started during a raid on Burria, in Italian East Africa. Enemy fighters intercepted during the raid and one R.A.F. plane was shot down. — Reuter.

BANKING SHARES GIVEN A BOOST

British banking shares continued on the London Stock Exchange yesterday quietly to enjoy a revival of interest but otherwise generally dull conditions prevailed, with prices in most groups following gilt-edged to slightly lower levels. Among foreign issues Greek and Chinese bonds hardened; others were quietly steady. Wall Street was firm. — Reuter.

Large-Scale Operations Started Round Sidi Barrani

THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT YESTERDAY BEGAN OPERATIONS ON A SCALE LARGER THAN ANY YET INITIATED IN AFRICA SINCE THE START OF THE WAR, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN CAIRO LAST EVENING.

Our troops were directed mainly against the Italians' right flank, along the top of the escarpment some 15 or 20 miles south of Sidi Barrani, Marshal Graziani's advanced base on the coast some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border.

Little can be said at present about the extent to which the operations may develop but it is known that for the past few weeks the whole of the enemy's forward line has been constantly probed by British armoured units making repeated sorties.

It is reasonable to suppose that if our forward units are able to capture positions commanding the escarpment they will be able to threaten the body of the Italian army entrenched in the coastal belt.

Following the Italian debacle in Albania it is evident that the moment has been well chosen to make Graziani fight.

In Initial Stage

The operation is still in its initial stage and it would be premature to discuss the ultimate

possibilities of yesterday's successful engagement in full.

Nevertheless it is permissible to wonder what would be the effect of an Italian defeat at the present moment in this theatre of the war on Italy's war effort.

Reuter in London last night learned that the Western Desert operation is "of some importance," but that the full details have not yet been received in London.

500 Prisoners Taken

So far the only communiques on the developments have been issued in Cairo; the communique says a bag of 500 Italian prisoners has been secured by the British in operations in the Western Desert.

The prisoners, says the communique, were taken in an engagement south of Sidi Barrani.

Advance elements of the British forces, states our G.H.Q., are now in contact with the Italians on "a broad front."

In the Sudan, British patrols continued extensive activities in the Gallabat area and British artillery again successfully attacked and engaged enemy targets.

Operations Extending

The operations are extending satisfactorily, said a special communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo last night.

Over 400 prisoners have already been captured in one area.

The general officer commanding one of the Italian forces engaged has been killed and his second in command captured. — Reuter.

DARING RAID ON AMOY

A daring raid on Amoy is revealed in a report received at Foochow to-day.

Under the cover of darkness, Chinese units crossed over to Amoy from the mainland, wiped out the sentries at the Japanese observation tower, rushed the residences of a Japanese officer, Matsubara, and the Chinese chief of police.

Both, together with a number of Japanese and Chinese puppet soldiers, were killed.

The Chinese force then returned to the mainland. — Central News.

SHANGHAI COLD SNAP

Shanghai is in the grip of a severe cold snap, which is exacting a heavy toll of those living on the streets.

During the past three days, an average of 120 persons (some 40 adults and 80 children) have died daily of exposure and hunger.

Mortality in Shanghai for November was exceptionally high.

According to figures just made public, more than 700 bodies of adults and nearly 1,500 bodies of children were picked up on the streets during the month. Various public bodies are taking urgent relief measures. — Central News.

STOP PRESS

An officer in the Royal Naval Reserve, Sub-Lieutenant J. Jackson, has been reported "missing."

All efforts to locate the officer have, so far, proved fruitless.

It is understood that Sub-Lieutenant Jackson recently appeared before a court-martial for a breach of regulations.

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